

# NEBRASKA BASEBALL 1979



**Val Primante**  
Senior Co-Captain  
Catcher

**John Sanders**  
Head Coach

**John Russo**  
Senior Co-Captain  
Second Baseman

# 1979 NEBRASKA BASEBALL SCHEDULE

| DATE        | OPPONENT                              | TIME | NO. OF<br>GAMES |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| March 10    | Missouri Western                      | 1:30 | 2-7             |
| March 11    | Missouri Western                      | 1:30 | 2-7             |
| March 12    | Missouri Western                      | 2:00 | 2-7             |
| March 13    | Buena Vista                           | 2:00 | 2-7             |
| March 15    | South Dakota                          | 2:00 | 2-7             |
| March 17    | at Pepperdine                         |      | 1-9             |
| March 18    | at Pepperdine                         |      | 1-9             |
| March 19    | Utah at Long Beach                    |      | 1-9             |
| March 19    | at Cal.-Dominquez Hills               |      | 1-9             |
| March 20    | at Cal. Long Beach                    |      | 1-9             |
| March 20    | at La Verne                           |      | 1-7             |
| March 21    | at Cal.-Fullerton                     |      | 1-9             |
| March 21    | at Chapman College                    |      | 1-9             |
| March 22    | Utah at Long Beach                    |      | 1-9             |
| March 25-31 | Rainbow Easter Tournament at Honolulu |      |                 |
| March 25    | Cal Poly-Pomona                       |      | 1-9             |
| March 25    | Hawaii                                |      | 1-9             |
| March 26    | Hawaii-Hilo                           |      | 1-9             |
| March 27    | Pokai (Japan)                         |      | 1-9             |
| March 28    | Hawaii-Hilo                           |      | 1-9             |
| March 29    | Pokai (Japan)                         |      | 1-9             |
| March 29    | Hawaii                                |      | 1-9             |
| March 30    | Cal Poly-Pomona                       |      | 1-9             |
| April 3     | Creighton                             | 2:00 | 2-7             |
| April 4     | Creighton                             | 2:00 | 2-7             |
| April 7     | at Colorado                           |      | 2-7             |
| April 9     | at Kansas State                       |      | 2-7             |
| April 11    | at Nebraska-Omaha                     |      | 2-7             |
| April 12    | Fort Hayes State                      | 2:00 | 2-7             |
| April 14    | Oklahoma State                        | 1:00 | 2-7             |
| April 16    | Oklahoma                              | 1:30 | 2-7             |
| April 18    | Augustana                             | 2:00 | 2-7             |
| April 20    | Iowa State                            | 1:30 | 2-7             |
| April 21    | Iowa State                            | 1:00 | 2-7             |
| April 23    | Dana                                  | 2:00 | 2-7             |
| April 24    | Morningside                           | 2:00 | 2-7             |
| April 27    | at Missouri                           |      | 2-7             |
| April 28    | at Missouri                           |      | 2-7             |
| May 1       | Nebraska-Omaha                        | 2:00 | 2-7             |
| May 4       | at Kansas                             |      | 2-7             |
| May 5       | at Kansas                             |      | 2-7             |
| May 16-19   | Big Eight Playoffs at Oklahoma City   |      |                 |
| May 25-26   | at NCAA Regional Playoffs             |      |                 |
| June 1-8    | College World Series at Omaha         |      |                 |

(Home Games in Bold)

All Home Games at Buck Beltzer Field

(North of Memorial Stadium)

# 1979 NEBRASKA BASEBALL GUIDE

## —NEBRASKA DIRECTORY—

(Area Code: 402)

|                                                 |                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Location                                        | Lincoln, Neb. 68588               |
| Founded                                         | 1869                              |
| Enrollment                                      | 22,256                            |
| Nickname                                        | Cornhuskers, Huskers              |
| Colors                                          | Scarlet and Cream                 |
| Conference                                      | Big 8                             |
| Home Field                                      | Buck Beltzer Field (1,000)        |
| President                                       | Dr. Ronald W. Roskens             |
| Chancellor                                      | Dr. Roy A. Young                  |
| Faculty Representative                          | Keith Broman                      |
| Athletic Director                               | Bob Devaney (472-3011)            |
| Asst. Ath. Dir., Bob Devaney Sports Center Man. | Jim Ross (472-1132)               |
| Asst. Ath. Dir., Sports Information Dir.        | Don Bryant (472-2263)             |
| Asst. Sports Info. Dir.                         | Bill Bennett (472-2263)           |
| Business Manager                                | Bill Fisher (472-2273)            |
| Ticket Manager                                  | Helen Ruth Wagner (472-3111)      |
| Administrative Assistant                        | Paul Schneider (472-1132)         |
| Administrative Assistant                        | Orval Borgialli (472-1132)        |
| Ath. Dept. Academics Counselor                  | Ursula Walsh (472-2042)           |
| Ath. Dept. Strength Coach                       | Boyd Epley (472-2049)             |
| Head Trainer and Phy. Ther.                     | George Sullivan (472-2776)        |
| Asst. Trainer and Phy. Ther.                    | Jerry Weber (472-2276)            |
| Asst. Trainer and Phy. Ther.                    | Roland E. "Duke" LaRue (472-2276) |

### NEBRASKA BASEBALL STAFF

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Head Coach        | John Sanders (472-2269)   |
| Asst. Coach       | Ron Johnette (472-2269)   |
| Asst. Coach       | Dave Underwood (472-2269) |
| Equipment Manager | Walt Johnson (472-2259)   |
| Secretary         | Diane Stark (472-2269)    |
| Student Manager   | Mark Heinz                |
| Student Trainer   | Jeff Crist                |

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## SANDERS HOPES '79 CLUB WILL BE A BIG 8 CONTENDER

Despite the tough non-conference slate and the always competitive Big 8 race, Nebraska second year coach John Sanders is optimistic about the Huskers chances in 1979.

The reasons for the optimism are: the Huskers return 12 lettermen from last year's squad that was 36-20, best in the school's history; among those 12 lettermen are six returning starters and five frontline pitchers; add to that Nebraska's six recruits—three high school and junior college stars; along with the Husker's three transfers, and Sanders is hopeful of bettering last season's record breaking performance.

Pacing the Husker lettermen are returning starters, junior first baseman Pete O'Brien, senior second baseman John Russo, junior centerfielder Joe Scherger, senior designated hitter Bob Gebler, junior rightfielder Steve Oakley and senior catcher Val Primante.

O'Brien, who played in 47 games last season, is the team's top returning hitter, batting .333 in 1978. Also a fine fielder, O'Brien, who split time at first base with Larry Winum last year, had a .982 fielding mark. O'Brien was an honorable mention All Big 8 selection last season.

Russo and Scherger were the Huskers' run producers last year and will also change positions in 1979. Last season, Russo was the starting shortstop and Scherger was the top left fielder. In '78, Russo batted .313 and Scherger hit .311. They both broke the NU hit record, each getting 55. Russo also snapped the Husker record for runs, getting



### RETURNING LETTERMEN

Front row, left to right: Tim Pettit, Val Primante, Bob Gebler, John Russo, and Steve Oakley. Back row, left to right: Gary Nolting, Pete O'Brien, Cliff Faust, Tim Burke, Jeff Costello, Joe Scherger and Stan Haas.

57. Scherger, a two-time All Big 8 second team selection, broke his own runs batted in mark in 1979, by collecting 52. Even with two years left in his NU stint, Scherger already is Nebraska's career RBI record holder (93) and his 17 home runs are only two away from snapping the career school record.

Gebler last season batted .309 and also broke the Nebraska season record for triples—along with teammate Steve Oakley—each collecting seven.

Oakley, the Huskers regular starting second baseman last season, will be Nebraska's starting right fielder in 1979. In his first year as a Husker last season—he transferred to NU from Arizona Western College—he batted .275.

Primante, also in his first year as a Husker last year, transferring from Mt. San Antonio Junior College—split time last season as a catcher and third baseman, batting .265. He will be the Cornhuskers starting catcher this season.

Rounding out the NU starting lineup will be sophomore third baseman Jeff Hunter, junior shortstop Kelly Combs and sophomore left fielder San Haas. Hunter transferred to NU last year from Nebraska-Omaha, while Combs came to Nebraska in 1978 from UCLA. Haas played third base and catcher for the Huskers last season in a reserve role and batted .462.

The Huskers front line pitchers returning are sophomore righthander Tim Burke, junior lefthander Cliff Faust, senior righthander Tim Pettit and ace reliever, junior righthander Gary Nolting.

Burke last year was 4-1, with a 2.23 ERA, to lead the squad. He also pitched a no-hitter against Austin College (21-0) last season. Faust, a starter for the Huskers since his frosh campaign, was 4-3 last year with a 2.70 ERA. Costello, also a three-year starter, was 6-4 in 1978 with a 3.31 ERA. Pettit was 6-5 in 1978 with a 4.24 ERA and pitched a no-hitter against Dana (10-0).



### TOP NEWCOMERS

Front row, left to right: Todd Becher, Mike Vojtesak, Ray Tromba, Greg Schafer, Harold Bright, Mike Harlander and Darnell Clarke. Second row, left to right: Randy Headley, Kelly Combs, Jeff Hunter, Jim McManus, Jeff Hansen and Steve Eisenhauer.

Last year's pitching ace was Nolting, who set a school record for most appearances with 30. In 1978, Nolting had seven saves, was 6-4 with a 2.43 ERA and earned honorable mention All Big 8 honors.

Nebraska's top junior college recruits are righthander Jim McManus, infielder Greg Schafer and outfielder Darnell Clarke. McManus, a transfer from Triton College in River Grove, Ill., was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in June 1978. In 1978, he was 8-1, with a 1.10 ERA. Schafer came to NU from Central Arizona College in Coolidge, Ariz and prepped in Omaha. Clark, blessed with blazing speed, is from Jackson Community College in Jackson Mich.

The Huskers' prep stars are outfielder Harold Bright and righthanded pitchers Mike Harlander and Mike Vojtesak. Bright, drafted last summer by the Kansas City Royals, last season batted .425 at Detroit's Mumford High School. Harlander, from Apollo High School in St. Cloud, Minn. was 10-3 last year, with a 1.87 ERA. Vojtesak, from Joliet, Ill., Central High School, was drafted last summer by the Philadelphia Phillies and had a three-year prep record of 24-10, with a 1.69 ERA.

Nebraska's final transfer is junior righthander Ray Tromba, who transferred to Lincoln in 1978 from UCLA, where he was a teammate of Combs.

Sanders hopes that the pitching of McManus, Harlander, Vojtesak and Tromba will help the Huskers Big 8 hopes, as last year, Nebraska placed third in the Eastern Division of the league with an 4-6 mark.

"In our division (Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa State, Kansas) in the Big 8, any of the four clubs have a chance," Sanders said. "It should be very balanced. Missouri had a good recruiting year as did Iowa State, while Kansas and ourselves have a lot of people back."

With the recruited pitching and the return of six starters and five front-line hurlers, Sanders hopes the Huskers are in Oklahoma City, Okla. on May 16-19 for the third annual Big 8 Postseason Playoff.

## **JOHN SANDERS'** ***'Big Red Baseball Schools'***

In an effort to promote the sport of baseball throughout the state, Nebraska head coach John Sanders and his staff, along with current NU baseball players, conduct camps throughout Nebraska during the month of July.

In 1979, the 'Big Red Baseball School' will be: July 5-7 in Scottsbluff; July 9-11 in North Platte; July 12-14 in Grand Island; July 16-18 in Hastings; July 19-21 in Columbus; July 23-25 in Lincoln and July 26-28 in Bellevue.

According to Sanders, the goal of the schools are to "teach the participants the values, conduct and correct fundamentals needed in baseball."

Ages 8-17 are eligible for the school and more information is available at the Nebraska Baseball Office.

## 1978 PERSONNEL LOSSES

From last year's record setting 36-20 squad, the Huskers lost nine lettermen, including four starters and one pitcher.

The starters lost were right fielder Tim Carroll, centerfielder Dan Dixon, catcher Jon Henne and first baseman Larry Winum. The hurler was lefthander Mark DiBenedetti.

Carroll, a two-year starter, last season was drafted by the Chicago Cubs following his junior season. In 1978, he earned honorable mention All Big 8, first team Academic All Big 8 and hit .295.

Dixon, was also drafted after his junior year, by the Texas Rangers. He transferred to NU in 1978 from Grossmont Junior College in El Cajon, Calif. Last season, he earned second team All Big honors and batted .288.

Jon Henne was a three year starting catcher for NU and in 1978, he batted .271.

Winum, who split time with Pete O'Brien last year at first base, was a two-year full time starter and hit .277. He has the NU career record for most doubles, with 21.

DiBenedetti in 1978 was 5-1, with a 3.56 ERA.

### Huskers At A Glance

Returning Starters: 6

Starters Lost: 4

Returning Lettermen: 12

Lettermen Lost: 9

## HUSKER GRADS SINCE 1978— WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

In John Sanders' first year as head coach at Nebraska, he had three seniors on his squad and two juniors who were drafted by the pros. They were:

Tim Carroll—from Denver, drafted as a junior in '78 by the Chicago Cubs. A two-year starter in right field, he transferred to NU from Arizona Western Junior College in 1977. Last season, he earned honorable mention All Big 8 honors, hitting .295 and first team Academic All Big 8 selection.

Dan Dixon—from Spring Valley, Calif., drafted as a junior in '78 by the Texas Rangers. He came to NU from Grossmont College last season and played center field. In 1978, he was second team All Big 8, hitting .288.

Jon Henne—from Littleton, Colo., was a three-year (1976-78) starter for the Huskers at catcher. An NU graduate, he is now an engineer in Denver. In 1978, he hit .271.

Doug Miller—from North Platte, Neb., Miller was a starter for NU at third base in 1976 and '77 and a senior letterman last season. He is now working on his NU degree. In 1978, he hit .267.

Larry Winum—from Bloomington, Minn., started for the Huskers at first base in 1976 and '77, was a part-time starter last season. In 1978, he batted .277 and holds the Husker career record for doubles, with 21. An NU graduate, he works for Lincoln Commonwealth Electric.



**THE COACHES**



## HEAD COACH JOHN SANDERS

Nebraska second year head coach John Sanders is the best example of the 'new' Husker baseball program.

In less than two years as the Cornhusker head man, he has already:

—Spearheaded a fund drive for newly named Buck Beltzer Field, providing permanent bleachers and a press box, along with an Astro turf infield and covered dugouts.

—In 1978, his first year, Sanders guided the Huskers to a 36-20 record, the most wins in Husker baseball history.

—Had a great recruiting year for the 1979 season, getting three high school, three junior college and three transfer stars (who sat out 1977) who will aid the Huskers for the upcoming campaign.

Success is nothing new for Sanders, as his baseball career, from American Legion ball, to the pros, to coaching, has been painted with good fortune.

Sanders baseball career goes back to 1960, the first year he played American Legion baseball in Grand Island, Neb. He continued his Legion career until 1964, when his baseball life really got rolling.

In 1964, Sanders was the Nebraska Prep Athlete of the Year, for his performance as a prepster in football, basketball and track. But his first interest, baseball, won out over the other sports as on his high school graduation night, Sanders signed a professional baseball contract with the Kansas City Athletics. The A's representative that night in Grand Island was Whitey Herzog, now the manager of the Kansas City Royals.

For the next five years, Sanders played professional ball in the Kansas City and New York Mets organizations. By playing in A, AA and AAA ball, along with a stint in the majors (Kansas City) in 1965, Sanders was laying the foundation for what he would be doing later in life, coaching.

During his pro career, he also attended the University of Northern Colorado, obtaining his Bachelor and Master Degrees, while coaching baseball at the University High School in Greeley and UNC, under Coach Pete Butler.

Sanders first head coaching job came in 1974 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Ore. At Chemeketa, Sanders took a nonscholarship program and raised it to the .500 level as his first collegiate team went 13-13. His coaching career was off and running.

For the first half of the 1975 college baseball season, Sanders was the assistant head coach at Arizona Western College in Yuma. He got promoted to head coach during the latter half of the season, and the Matadors went on to post a season ending 10-2 mark under Sanders' leadership.

The next year, 1976, at Arizona Western, Sanders squad was 24-13 and qualified for the regional playoffs. But '76 was to be his last year in the junior college ranks as in the summer of 1976, Sanders became the assistant coach at the University of Nebraska.

Nebraska's season in 1977, under head coach Tony Sharpe and assistant Sanders, was the best the Huskers had ever had to that date, as NU was 29-13 overall. During that campaign, the Cornhuskers had four players earn first or second team All Big 8 honors, with three season and four career NU baseball records broken.

And if 1977 was a successful year, 1978 was even better. In his first year as head coach at NU, Sanders led the Huskers to a 36-20 mark, had five players named either second team or honorable mention All Big 8, had two players drafted by the pros and saw his squad break two team, five current individual and three career records.

On the field, Sanders' specialty is pitching, catching, and hitting, and that's just what he expects to propel NU to an even greater season in 1979.

### ***About John Sanders***

*"It gives us great pleasure to recommend to you John Sanders of the University of Nebraska Baseball Program. Coach Sanders is a very knowledgeable baseball man who relates well with today's young players. Should you choose the University of Nebraska to further your academic and athletic career, you will certainly enjoy the opportunity of working with Coach Sanders. Should your ultimate goal be to play in the Major Leagues, John Sanders will be a great benefit to you in reaching that goal."*

PETER J. BAVASI  
Executive Vice-President and  
General Manager  
Toronto Blue Jays

*"John Sanders is an outstanding young man and very knowledgeable in all phases of the game. He was one of the hardest workers I've had the privilege of working with when I signed him into the Athletics organization."*

WHITEY HERZOG  
Manager  
Kansas City Royals

## Sanders Chronologically

- 1964—Nebraska Prep Athlete of the Year  
Signed professional baseball contract with Kansas City Athletics
- 1964-68—Played professional baseball with the Kansas City and New York Mets Organizations.
- 1965-73—B.A., University of Northern Colorado—1969  
M.A., University of Northern Colorado—1970  
Coached at University High School and UNC, under Pete Butler, in Greeley, Colo.
- 1973-74—Head Coach at Chemeketa Community College, Salem, Ore. (13-13)
- 1974-75—Asst. Coach Arizona Western College, Yuma (First half of season)  
Head Coach Arizona Western College, Yuma (10-2)
- 1975-76—Head Coach Arizona Western College, Yuma (24-15, qualified for regionals)
- 1976-77—Asst. Coach at University of Nebraska
- 1977-78—Head Coach University of Nebraska (36-20, best Husker season in history)
- 1978-79—Head Coach University of Nebraska

### Lifetime Head Coaching Totals

|                                                  | W  | L    |
|--------------------------------------------------|----|------|
| 1973-74—Chemeketa Community College, Salem, Ore. | 13 | 13   |
| 1974-75—Arizona Western College, Yuma, Ariz.     | 10 | 2    |
| 1975-76—Arizona Western College, Yuma, Ariz.     | 24 | 13   |
| Regional Playoffs                                | 0  | 2    |
| 1977-78—University of Nebraska                   | 36 | 20   |
|                                                  | 83 | 50   |
|                                                  |    | .624 |



### **RON JOHNETTE**

Ron Johnette, who's responsibility on the field is the infield and hitting coach, enters his second season as Nebraska's assistant baseball coach.

Johnette came to Nebraska from Millard, Neb. High School, where he was the head baseball coach for seven years (1971-77). He led the Indians to six state tournaments, including a first place finish in 1976. His overall mark at Millard was 239-98. Husker players Jeff Hunter, Cliff Faust and Gary Nolting were all tutored at Millard under Johnette.

Johnette graduated from Nebraska in 1969 and also earned his Masters' from NU in 1976. While a student at the University, Johnette lettered three years as a catcher and first baseman on the Husker baseball team.

As a prepster, he attended Omaha Benson and wall All Metro three years in baseball and two years in basketball. He graduated from Benson in 1965.



### **DAVE UNDERWOOD**

Dave Underwood, Nebraska's outfield and hitting coach enters his second year on the Nebraska baseball staff as a part-time coach.

Before coming to NU, Underwood was the head baseball coach at Omaha Burke High School. He has a career prep mark of 335-169, including Class A baseball championships at Burke in 1972 and 1975. During Underwood's tenure, the Bulldogs also won the Metro Championship in 1973-74.

Along with his part-time coaching duties at Nebraska, Underwood will also be a part-time instructor at Lincoln East High School. He is a 1966 graduate of the University of Nebraska and prepped at Omaha North High School.

## **—Nebraska's 1979 Non-Conference Opponents— Huskers Travel To California And Hawaii**

Nebraska's non-conference schedule consists of 30 dates, both home and away, including a two-week trip in March to southern California and Hawaii. The trek to Hawaii includes participating in the Rainbow Easter Tournament in Honolulu.

It will be Nebraska's toughest non-conference schedule ever, as the Huskers face five league champions, (La Verne, Cal State-Fullerton, Chapman, Dana and Morningside), two teams that placed second in their conferences (Pepperdine and Ft. Hays State) and one of the best independent schools in the country, Hawaii.

The Cornhuskers open the 1979 campaign with a six-game stand against Missouri Western, March 10-12. In 1978, the Griffons were 28-17 overall.

Following the opener, Nebraska remains at home and on March 13 the Huskers host Buena Vista and on March 15 they entertain South Dakota. Last year, Buena Vista was 6-5 in the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (4th place) and 15-18 overall. In 1978, NU swept Buena Vista in a double header at Lincoln, 11-10 and 9-8. Last season, South Dakota was 9-7 in the North Central Conference (3rd place tie) and 12-13 overall.

The Huskers then travel west and play in southern California from March 17-22. On March 17-18, the Huskers face Pepperdine in two-nine inning contests. Last year, Pepperdine was 20-8 in the Southern California Baseball Association (2nd place) and 36-18 overall. Under new coach Dave Gorrie, the Waves are led by catcher Chuck Fick (.356) and shortstop Tim Gloyd (.301).

On March 19, NU faces Utah and Cal State-Dominquez Hills, both in nine inning games at Long Beach. Utah, who Nebraska also plays in Long Beach on March 22 in another nine-inning contest, was 6-12 last season in the Western Athletic Conference (4th place in the Northern Division) and 8-27 overall. The Utes are paced by third baseman Jim Teahan (.333), shortstop Gordon Bakin (.309), All WAC hurler Jim Maynard and sophomore pitcher Brad Jordison. Cal State-Dominquez Hills last season was 38-18 overall.

On March 20, the Huskers play at Long Beach St. in a nine inning game, and later that night, travel to La Verne to play the Leopards. Last season, Long Beach St. was 10-18 in the Southern California Baseball Association (6th place tie) and 20-37 overall. The 49ers are led by outfielders Tom Sisson and Dan Graf and first baseman Rick Dostal. La Verne in 1978 was 16-2 in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (1st place) and 25-11 overall.

Cal State-Fullerton and Chapman College will be the Husker foes on March 21, both nine inning contests. Fullerton, selected by some preseason predictors as the best team on the west coast in '79, last year was 24-4 in the Southern California Baseball Association (1st place) and 44-13 overall. Winner of the last five SCBA titles, the Titans are led by first baseman Tim Wallach (.394—80 RBI's), right fielder Mickey Palmer (.346—49 RBI's 16 HRs), two sophomore righthanders, Dave Weatherman (9-3, 2.90 ERA)—Tony Hudson (4-3, 2.72 ERA) and one of the country's top junior college players last year, outfielder Bobby Smith (.507—42 SBs). Chapman was 19-11 in 1978 in the Southern California Baseball Alliance (1st place) and 40-23 overall.

Following its southern California stint, the Huskers fly to Honolulu to participate in the Rainbow Easter Tournament hosted by the University of Hawaii. The schedule consists of: March 25—Cal Poly-Pomona and Hawaii, March 26—Hawaii-Hilo, March 27—Pokai-Japan, March 28—Hawaii Hilo, March 29—Pokai-Japan and Hawaii and March 30—Cal Poly-Pomona.

Last season, Cal Poly-Pomona was 12-15 in the Southern California Baseball Al-

liance (5th place) and 18-35 overall. The NCAA Division II champ in 1976, the Broncos are led by infielder John Broders (.368) and catcher Darrell Miller.

Hawaii, one of the country's top independents, also boasts some of the best college talent in the U.S. Last year, the Rainbows were 38-14. Paced by one of the finest pitching staffs at the university level, Hawaii is led by left hander Derek Tatsuno (9-3, 1.45 ERA—161 SOs in 112 innings, tops in the NCAA last year), reliever Gene Smith (12 saves, 1.05 ERA) and Mark Olmos (7-1, 1.83 ERA). In 1978 the 'Bows pitching staff had a team ERA of 1.93. Hawaii's top field returner is centerfielder Rick Bass (.308, 33 SBs), the team's MVP from last year. In 1978, Nebraska traveled to Hawaii and defeated the Rainbows in three of five games, winning 2-1, 5-3 (over Tatsuno), and 7-2, while losing 5-2 and 6-2.

Last season, Hawaii-Hilo was 13-14 overall.

In 1978, Pokai-Japan was the Japanese national champion.

Nebraska returns home on April 3-4 for a four-game stand against Creighton. In 1978, the Bluejays, a Missouri Valley team, were 19-20 overall. They are led by pitchers Dennis Rasmussen (4-2) and Lou Halamek (3-1), along with shortstop Randy Schwartz. Last season, NU defeated Creighton four of five games, 6-5 and 11-10 in Lincoln, 14-3 in Omaha and 7-4 in Grand Island, while dropping a 5-4 decision at Creighton.

Nebraska opens its Big 8 schedule April 7 at Colorado a doubleheader and at Kansas State on April 9 for two games. For a complete rundown on Nebraska's 1979 Big 8 schedule, please turn to page 14.

On April 11-12, Nebraska returns home to face Nebraska-Omaha and Ft. Hays State in doubleheaders. Last season, UNO was 9-7 in the North Central Conference (3rd place) and 19-15 overall. The Huskers also face UNO in Lincoln on May 1. In 1978, Ft. Hays State was 3-3 in the Central States Intercollegiate Conference (2nd place) and 26-30 overall. Last season, Nebraska defeated Ft. Hays State in a doubleheader at Lincoln, 2-1 and 10-3.

The Huskers are at home again on April 18 to face Augustana for two games. Last year, the Vikings were 7-11 in the North Central Conference (7th place) and 13-19 overall.

Dana comes to Lincoln for a doubleheader on April 23. In 1978, the Vikings were 6-4 in the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (1st place) and 15-22 overall. In Lincoln last season, the Huskers beat Dana in a doubleheader, 10-0 and 12-2.

On April 24, the Cornhuskers face Morningside for two games. In 1978, the Chiefs were 12-6 in the North Central Conference (1st place) and 18-18 overall. Last season in Lincoln, NU beat Morningside in a doubleheader, 14-2 and 4-3.

# Scouting The

## EAST DIVISION

### NEBRASKA

**Name of School:** University of Nebraska

**Location:** Lincoln, Nebraska (68588)

**Head Coach:** John Sanders

**Record At NU:** 36-20 (1 year)

**Career Record:** 83-50 (4 years)

**1978 Big 8 Record:** 4-6 (3rd place)

**1978 Overall record:** 36-20



**Lettermen Lost:** 9

**Lettermen Returning:** 12

**Returning Starters:** 6

**Top Returners:** Pete O'Brien, 1B (.333)

John Russo, 2B (.313)

Joe Scherger, CF (.311)

Bob Gebler, DH (.309)

Gary Nolting, P (6-4, 2.43 ERA)

**Athletic Director:** Bob Devaney

**Colors:** Scarlet and Cream

**Nickname:** Cornhuskers

**Sports Information Office:** Don Bryant  
(Office 402-472-2263; Home: 402-423-6563)

### MISSOURI

April 27—at Missouri (Doubleheader)

April 28—at Missouri (Doubleheader)

**Name of School:** University of Missouri

**Location:** Columbia, Mo. 65201

**Head Coach:** Gene McArtor

**Record At MU:** 162-87 (5 yrs)

**Career Record:** 162-87 (5 yrs)

**1978 Big 8 Record:** 7-3 (First Place)

**1978 Overall Record:** 35-18



**Lettermen Lost:** 9

**Lettermen Returning:** 14

**Returning Starters:** 4

**Top Returners:** Al Hightower, CF (.314)

Jim English, 2B (.323)

Kevin Knop, 2B (.313)

Tom Heckman, P (6-2, 1.94 ERA)

**1978 Scores:** MU 5-NU 4

MU 2-NU 0

(April 14, 1978 at Lincoln)

**Athletic Director:** Dave Hart

**Colors:** Old Gold and Black

**Nickname:** Tigers

**Sports Information Director:** Bill Callahan  
(Office: 314-882-6501 Ext. 210;  
Home: 314-442-5826)

## KANSAS

May 4—at Kansas (Doubleheader)

May 5—at Kansas (Doubleheader)

**Name of School:** University of Kansas

**Location:** Lawrence, Kansas

**Head Coach:** Floyd Temple

**Record At KU:** 343-344 (26 yrs)

**Career Record:** 343-344 (26 yrs)

**1978 Big 8 Record:** 10-4 (Second Place)

**1978 Overall Record:** 34-13-1



**Lettermen Lost:** 4

**Lettermen Returning:** 16

**Returning Starters:** 6

**Top Returners:** Terry Sutcliffe, P (10-0, 1.72 ERA)

Dick Harris, OF (.344)

John Spotwood, OF (.340)

**1978 Scores:** KU 4-NU 2

NU 8-KU 4

NU 21-KU 2

KU 8-NU 3

(April 21-22, 1978 at Lincoln)

**Athletic Director:** Bob Marcum

**Colors:** Crimson and Blue

**Nickname:** Jayhawks

**Sports Information Office:** Don Baker

(Office: 913-864-3417; Home: 913-842-2314)

## IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

April 20—at Nebraska

April 21—at Nebraska

**Name of School:** Iowa State University

**Location:** Ames, Iowa

**Head Coach:** Clair Rierson

**Record At ISU:** 90-103 (4 yrs)

**Career Record:** 90-103 (4 yrs)

**1978 Big 8 Record:** 3-9

**1978 Overall Record:** 17-25



**Lettermen Lost:** 6

**Lettermen Returning:** 13

**Returning Starters:** 5

**Top Returners:** Al Benson, 1B (.354)

Jeff Trunninger, (.363)

Gary Loos, P (5-5, 4.92 ERA)

**1978 Scores:** ISU 8-NU2

ISU 1-NU 0

NU 9-ISU 1

NU 7-ISU 3

(April 28-29 at Ames)

**Athletic Director:** Lou McCullough

**Colors:** Cardinal

**Nickname:** Cyclones

**Sports Information Office:** Tom Starr

(Office: 515-294-3372; Home: 515-232-6064)

# WEST DIVISION

## OKLAHOMA

April 16—at Nebraska (Doubleheader)

**Name of School:** University of Oklahoma

**Location:** Norman, Oklahoma

**Head Coach:** Enos Semore

**Record At OU:** 396-149 (11 yrs)

**Career Record:** 548-171

**1978 Big 8 Record:** 11-4 (First Place)

**1978 Overall Record:** 39-20

**Lettermen Lost:** 11

**Lettermen Returning:** 18

**Returning Starters:** 4

**Top Returners:** Scott Gardner, P (8-2, 2.32 ERA)

Rob Robinson, OF-DH (.361)

Tommy Thompson, C (.299)

**Athletic Director:** Wade Walker

**Colors:** Crimson and Cream

**Nickname:** Sooners

**Sports Information Office:** Mike Treps  
(Office: 405-325-3751)



## KANSAS STATE

April 9—at Kansas State (Doubleheader)

**Name of School:** Kansas State University

**Location:** Manhattan, Kansas

**Head Coach:** Dave Baker

**Record At KSU:** 20-29 (1 Year)

**Career Record:** 160-137 (7 yrs)

**1978 Big 8 Record:** 2-10 (4th Place)

**1978 Overall Record:** 20-29

**Lettermen Lost:** 13

**Lettermen Returning:** 7

**Returning Starters:** 6

**Top Returners:** Doug Able, P (2-1, 3.50 ERA)

Mark Nordyke, OF (.370)

Cal Alexander, C-3B (.294)

**1978 Scores:** NU 15-KSU 6

KSU 11-NU 5

March 31—at Manhattan

NU 5-KSU 3

NU 3-KSU 0

April 1—at Lincoln

**Athletic Director:** DeLoss Dodds

**Colors:** Purple and White

**Nickname:** Wildcats

**Sports Information Office:** Glen Stone  
(Office: 913-532-6537; Home: 913-537-1077)



## OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

April 14—at Nebraska (Doubleheader)

**Name of School:** Oklahoma State University

**Location:** Stillwater, Oklahoma

**Head Coach:** Gary Ward

**Record At OSU:** 40-22 (1 Year)

**Career Record:** 243-83 (7 Yrs)

**1978 Big 8 Record:** 7-5 (2nd Place)

**1978 Overall Record:** 40-22 (*won Big 8 Postseason, advanced to NCAA*)

**Lettermen Lost:** 5

**Lettermen Returning:** 13

**Returning Starters:** 7

**Top Returners:** Rick Kranitz, P (9-3, 3.27 ERA)  
Bill Ireland, OF (.343)

**Athletic Director:** Dr. Richard A. Young

**Colors:** Orange and Black

**Nickname:** Cowboys

**Sports Information Office:** Pat Quinn  
(Office: 405-624-5749; Home: 405-377-4645)



## COLORADO

April 7—at Colorado (Doubleheader)

**Name of School:** University of Colorado

**Location:** Boulder, Colorado

**Head Coach:** Larry Schultz

**Record At CU:** (0-0) 1st Year

**Career Record:** 130-111 (5 yrs)

**1978 Big 8 Record:** 5-7 (3rd Place)

**1978 Overall Record:** 30-21

**Lettermen Lost:** 4

**Lettermen Returning:** 16

**Returning Starters:** 7

**Top Returners:** Gary Fitzmaurice, P (8-3, 5.24 ERA)  
Chuck Minkel, C (.369)

**Athletic Director:** Eddie Crowder

**Colors:** Silver and Gold

**Nickname:** Golden Buffaloes, Buffs, Buffaloes

**Sports Information Director:** Tim Simmons (Office: 303-492-6128)



## Husker Baseball Complex Named For O. A. 'Buck' Beltzer



O. A. 'BUCK' BELTZER

Nebraska's baseball complex is named after O. A. 'Buck' Beltzer, well known Husker athlete and Grand Island businessman.

Beltzer, born in Stratton, Neb. in 1888, earned the nickname Buck as a prepster at Arapahoe, Neb. Following his high school career, Beltzer went on to Nebraska for three years of athletic stardom. He lettered in football and baseball in 1907-08-09 and is the only NU athlete to have captained both the football and baseball teams the same year, as he did in 1909.

Beltzer's name is well known in the state baseball ranks, as he managed a semi-pro barnstorming team and also clubs in Lincoln and Grand Island in the Nebraska State League.

He was instrumental in building old Landis Field in Lincoln, the west 'P' street frontrunner to the Capital City's Sherman Field.

In Grand Island, Beltzer was president of both the Grand Island Trust Co. and Home Federal Savings and Loan, positions he held until his death in 1959.



## THE PLAYERS

# JOE SCHERGER

CENTER FIELD

*1978 & '79  
Second Team  
All Big Eight*

## 21



**Junior . . . 20 . . . 6-1 . . . 190 . . . Bats-Right . . . Throws-Right . . .  
Billings, Montana . . . 2L**

Drafted by the Minnesota Twins upon graduation from high school . . . Has been a second team All Big 8 performer for the Huskers for the last two years . . . After starting for two years in leftfield, Scherger moves to centerfield in 1979 . . . Led the Big 8 in homeruns with 9, first in the conference in RBI's with 52, and fourth in the Big 8 in triples with six . . . A durable, consistent performer all season long, Scherger set the NU record for games played in, with 56, and times at bat with 177 . . . Set a Nebraska record for runs batted in with 52 and had a record number of hits with 55 . . . Led the Huskers in six categories in the '78 season . . . Has a two year NU average of .332 . . . One of the true Husker stars returning for the '79 season . . . At Billings High School, he was a three time basketball and football letterman . . . All State American Legion player as an outfielder . . . Name Pronounced: Sugar . . . Major: Advertising . . . Mother: Mary Scherger.

### CAREER TOTALS

|        | G  | AB  | R  | H  | AVE  | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SB | BB | SO | HP | S | SF | PO  | A | E | Ave. |
|--------|----|-----|----|----|------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|---|---|------|
| 1977   | 40 | 118 | 33 | 43 | .364 | 2  | 2  | 8  | 41  | 13 | 24 | 13 | 4  | 0 | 1  | 64  | 5 | 4 | .945 |
| 1978   | 56 | 117 | 48 | 55 | .311 | 8  | 6  | 9  | 52  | 16 | 39 | 25 | 4  | 0 | 2  | 63  | 3 | 5 | .930 |
| Totals | 96 | 295 | 81 | 98 | .332 | 10 | 8  | 17 | 93  | 29 | 63 | 38 | 8  | 0 | 3  | 127 | 8 | 9 | .938 |

**JOHN  
RUSSO**  
SECOND BASE

**10**



**Senior . . . 21 . . . 5-8 . . . 160 . . . Bats-Right . . . Throws-Right. . . St. Louis, MO. . . . 1L**

The Huskers starting shortstop last year, switches to second base for '79 . . . One of the Husker Co-captains for this season . . . Set the NU record for runs scored with (57) and games played (56) . . . Batted .313 in his first year as a Husker . . . Led NU in stolen bases with 18 and had a school record 55 hits in 1978 . . . Also led the Huskers in walks with 43 and assists with 137 . . . Placed well in Big 8 stats as he finished fourth in triples (5), sixth in RBI's (41), fifth in stolen bases and 12th in hits . . . Transferred to the Huskers after two years at Meramec Junior College where he batted .388 . . . He was a third team Junior College All American . . . All Conference and All State in high school in St. Louis . . . Major: Management . . . Parents: John and Mildred Russo.

**CAREER TOTALS**

|      | G  | AB  | R  | H  | AVE  | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SB | BB | SO | HP | S | SF | PO | A   | E  | Ave. |
|------|----|-----|----|----|------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|-----|----|------|
| 1978 | 56 | 176 | 57 | 55 | .313 | 9  | 5  | 2  | 41  | 18 | 43 | 28 | 3  | 3 | 4  | 70 | 137 | 24 | .896 |

**VAL  
PRIMANTE  
CATCHER**

**7**



**Senior . . . 22 . . . 5-9 . . . 175 . . . Bats-Switch . . . Throws-Right . . .  
Covina, Calif. . . 1L**

The other Husker Co-captain for the 1979 season with John Russo . . . Started at both catcher and third base for the Huskers last season, will play only catcher in '79 . . . Seventh in the Big 8 in RBI's with 42 . . . Twelfth in the conference in the homerun department with 5 . . . Finished the '78 season with a batting average of .265 . . . Had a fielding average of .945 . . . Transferred to Nebraska after two years at Mt. San Antonio Junior College where he was an All Conference performer . . . Named to the All California Collegiate League team . . . Major: Criminal Justice . . . Parents: Val and Joyce Primante.

**CAREER TOTALS**

|      | G  | AB  | R  | H  | AVE  | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SB | BB | SO | HP | S | SF | PO  | A  | E  | Ave. |
|------|----|-----|----|----|------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|----|----|------|
| 1978 | 54 | 155 | 38 | 41 | .265 | 7  | 0  | 5  | 42  | 0  | 42 | 22 | 2  | 2 | 4  | 131 | 57 | 11 | .945 |

**BOB  
GEBLER**

**DESIGNATED HITTER**

**5**



**Senior ... 21 ... 5-10 ... 160 ... Bats-Right ... Throws-Right ...  
Westerly, Rhode Island ... 2L**

Will be the Husker designated hitter for the second year ... Last year, he hit .309 ... Set a new Nebraska record for triples with seven, that put him second in the Big 8 Conference ... Can also be used as an alternate outfielder ... Had eight doubles and two homeruns in 1978 ... A steady performer for the Huskers last season, should help the NU offensive punch in '79 ... Was an All State football and baseball player at Westerly High School ... Major: Business Administration ... Parents: Robert and Beverly Gebler.

**CAREER TOTALS**

|        | G  | AB  | R  | H  | AVE  | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SB | BB | SO  | HP | S | SF | PO | A  | E | Ave.  |
|--------|----|-----|----|----|------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|-----|----|---|----|----|----|---|-------|
| 1976   | 21 | 42  | 3  | 10 | .238 | 1  | 1  | 0  | 3   | 0  | 5  | 10  | 1  | 1 | 0  | 11 | 16 | 5 | .844  |
| 1977   | 29 | 44  | 11 | 11 | .250 | 4  | 2  | 1  | 6   | 6  | 15 | 8   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 13 | 3  | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1978   | 49 | 152 | 46 | 47 | .309 | 8  | 7  | 2  | 22  | 11 | 35 | 26  | 0  | 2 | 0  | 16 | 1  | 3 | .850  |
| Totals | 99 | 238 | 60 | 68 | .285 | 13 | 10 | 3  | 31  | 17 | 55 | 116 | 1  | 3 | 0  | 40 | 20 | 8 | .898  |

# JEFF COSTELLO

PITCHER

17



**Senior . . . 21 . . . 6-4 . . . 200 . . . Bats-Right . . . Throws-Right . . .  
Omaha, Neb. . . 3L**

One of the Huskers top returning throwers in '79 . . . Last season, he was 6-4 overall and finished with an ERA of 3.31 . . . Made the second most appearances on the NU mound staff (13) . . . Should lend maturity to the young NU pitching rotation . . . Of the 13 games 'The Coz' appeared in, he completed six . . . Played his high school ball at Omaha Benson where he was one of the State's top pitchers . . . Ended 1978 with 32 strikeouts . . . He is a sociology major in Arts and Science College . . . Parents: Frank and Sharon Costello.

## CAREER TOTALS

|        | G  | GS | GC | BF  | IP   | H   | R   | ER | ERA  | BB | HBP | SO  | WP | W  | L  | Blk. |
|--------|----|----|----|-----|------|-----|-----|----|------|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|------|
| 1976   | 10 | 6  | 1  | 181 | 38   | 38  | 29  | 21 | 4.97 | 20 | 0   | 27  | 2  | 2  | 1  | 1    |
| 1977   | 12 | 8  | 4  | 238 | 52½  | 58  | 32  | 26 | 4.44 | 17 | 2   | 48  | 4  | 4  | 5  | 0    |
| 1978   | 13 | 12 | 6  | 292 | 68   | 69  | 40  | 25 | 3.31 | 17 | 1   | 32  | 0  | 6  | 4  | 0    |
| Totals | 35 | 26 | 11 | 711 | 158½ | 165 | 101 | 72 | 4.10 | 54 | 3   | 107 | 6  | 12 | 10 | 1    |

**TIM  
PETTIT  
PITCHER**

**19**



**Senior . . . 21 . . . 6-0 . . . 175 . . . Bats-Right . . . Throws-Right . . .  
Lomita, Calif. . . 1L**

Threw a no hitter against Dana College last season when the Huskers won in Lincoln 10-0 . . . Finished the season with a 6-5 record and an ERA of 4.24 . . . Appeared the second highest of all NU pitchers as he threw 13 games . . . Finished '78 with 45 strikeouts . . . Transferred to the Huskers last season after two years at El Camino Junior College in Torrance, Calif. . . Had a 7-2 record and an ERA of 2.38 in JC ball . . . Faced the second most batters (299) last season . . . Should be one of the solid hurlers to watch for the Huskers this season . . . Major: Accounting in Business Administration . . . Parents: Paul and Shirley Pettit.

**CAREER TOTALS**

|      | G  | GS | GC | BF  | IP               | H  | R  | ER | ERA  | BB | HBP | SO | WP | W | L | Blk. |
|------|----|----|----|-----|------------------|----|----|----|------|----|-----|----|----|---|---|------|
| 1978 | 13 | 11 | 3  | 299 | 63 $\frac{2}{3}$ | 59 | 43 | 30 | 4.24 | 42 | 4   | 45 | 9  | 6 | 5 | 1    |

**PETE  
O'BRIEN**  
**FIRST BASE**

**1978**  
***Honorable Mention***  
***All Big Eight***



**9**

**Junior . . . 20 . . . 6-1 . . . 180 . . . Bats-Left . . . Throws-Left . . . Pebble Beach, Calif. . . . 1L**

Will start at first base for the Huskers for the second year in a row . . . Played well enough last season to earn honorable mention honors from the Big 8 Conference . . . Pete was the leading NU hitter among regulars last season with a .333 average . . . He was the 20th leading hitter in the Big 8 . . . Led the Huskers in putouts with 255 and was the top NU fielder with a .982 average . . . Played one season at Peninsula Junior College in Monterey, Calif. . . . An All League performer in high school . . . Major: Finance . . . Parents: Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien.

**CAREER TOTALS**

|      | G  | AB  | R  | H  | AVE  | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SB | BB | SO | HP | S | SF | PO  | A  | E | Ave. |
|------|----|-----|----|----|------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|----|---|------|
| 1978 | 47 | 141 | 33 | 47 | .333 | 6  | 4  | 2  | 22  | 0  | 20 | 8  | 0  | 2 | 1  | 255 | 17 | 5 | .982 |

**STEVE  
OAKLEY  
RIGHT FIELD**

**12**



**Junior . . . 20 . . . 6-0 . . . 180 . . . Bats-Right . . . Throws-Right . . . Los Angeles, Calif. . . 1L**

After a year as the Huskers' starting second baseman, Steve switches to right field . . . Second in Big 8 in triples last season with 7, that is also a Nebraska baseball record . . . Batted .275 as a sophomore . . . Led NU in sacrifices with four . . . Had an outstanding .943 fielding average at second base . . . Transferred to the Huskers last year after a year at Arizona Western College in Yuma . . . Should be a very consistent performer for the Huskers in the '79 campaign . . . Hit .342 in Junior College . . . All City and League performer while in high school . . . Nickname: Oak . . . Major: Advertising . . . Parents: Benedict and Geraldine Oakley.

**CAREER TOTALS**

|      | G  | AB  | R  | H  | AVE  | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SB | BB | SO | HP | S | SF | PO | A   | E  | Ave. |
|------|----|-----|----|----|------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|-----|----|------|
| 1978 | 51 | 153 | 28 | 42 | .275 | 2  | 7  | 3  | 31  | 5  | 22 | 26 | 0  | 4 | 0  | 90 | 107 | 12 | .943 |

**CLIFF  
FAUST  
PITCHER**

**15**



**Junior . . . 21 . . . 6-2 . . . 200 . . . Bats-Left . . . Throws-Left . . . Millard, Neb. . . . 2L**

The Huskers top returning southpaw in '79 . . . Finished his sophomore season with a record of 4-3 and an ERA of 2.70 . . . Had the fifteenth best ERA among Big 8 pitchers . . . Ended '78 with 37 strikeouts . . . Was a top high school hurler in 1976 at Millard High School . . . Played under NU Assistant Coach Ron Johnette . . . Will team with some of the young throwers to give the Huskers a strong pitching crop for the '79 season . . . Major: Business Administration . . . Parents: Raymond and LaVonne Faust.

**CAREER TOTALS**

|        | G  | GS | GC | BF  | IP               | H  | R  | ER | ERA  | BB | HBP | SO | WP | W | L | Blk. |
|--------|----|----|----|-----|------------------|----|----|----|------|----|-----|----|----|---|---|------|
| 1977   | 10 | 8  | 2  | 175 | 38 $\frac{2}{3}$ | 44 | 24 | 16 | 3.72 | 13 | 0   | 40 | 1  | 3 | 3 | 1    |
| 1978   | 9  | 9  | 3  | 223 | 53 $\frac{1}{3}$ | 45 | 19 | 16 | 2.70 | 15 | 1   | 37 | 1  | 4 | 3 | 0    |
| Totals | 19 | 17 | 5  | 398 | 92               | 89 | 43 | 32 | 3.13 | 28 | 1   | 77 | 2  | 7 | 6 | 1    |

# GARY NOLTING

PITCHER

1978  
Honorable Mention  
All Big Eight

18



Junior ... 21 ... 6-2 ... 190 ... Bats-Right ... Throws-Right ...  
Omaha, Neb. ... 2L

The Huskers top reliever in the '78 campaign ... Appeared in a record setting 30 games for the Huskers ... Was an All Conference honorable mention selection as a sophomore ... Finished the season 6-4 with a 2.43 ERA ... Was the 13th ranked pitcher in the Big 8 by ERA ... Had seven saves in '78 ... Did the majority of the Husker relief pitching last year ... Solid, consistent performer ... Played his high school ball at Millard High ... All State selection in baseball and honorable mention in basketball in high school ... Enrolled in Teachers College ... Mother: Sally Nolting.

## CAREER TOTALS

|        | G  | GS | GC | BF  | IP               | H  | R  | ER | ERA  | BB | HBP | SO | WP | W | L | Blk. |
|--------|----|----|----|-----|------------------|----|----|----|------|----|-----|----|----|---|---|------|
| 1977   | 11 | 0  | 0  | 118 | 23               | 26 | 16 | 13 | 5.09 | 18 | 1   | 15 | 4  | 2 | 0 | 1    |
| 1978   | 30 | 2  | 1  | 309 | 70 $\frac{2}{3}$ | 57 | 29 | 19 | 2.43 | 42 | 2   | 61 | 3  | 6 | 4 | 0    |
| Totals | 41 | 2  | 1  | 427 | 93 $\frac{1}{3}$ | 83 | 45 | 32 | 3.09 | 60 | 3   | 76 | 7  | 8 | 4 | 1    |

**TIM  
BURKE  
PITCHER**

**14**



**Sophomore . . . 20 . . . 6-3 . . . 195 . . . Bats-Right . . . Throws-Right  
. . . Omaha, Neb. . . 1L**

Threw a no hitter against Austin College last year in the Huskers 21-0 win . . . Finished the '78 season with a 4-1 record and a 2.23 ERA, that was tops among NU hurlers . . . Listed by ERA as the ninth best thrower in the Big 8 Conference . . . Finished the season with 32 strikeouts . . . Of the five games that Tim started, he finished four of them . . . All Metro selection at Omaha Roncalli High School where he pitched and played shortstop . . . Will help to add maturity to a strong NU mound staff . . . Nickname: TB . . . Major: Business Administration . . . Father: Mr. Richard C. Burke.

**CAREER TOTALS**

|      | G | GS | GC | BF  | IP               | H  | R  | ER | ERA  | BB | HBP | SO | WP | W | L | Blk. |
|------|---|----|----|-----|------------------|----|----|----|------|----|-----|----|----|---|---|------|
| 1978 | 7 | 5  | 4  | 165 | 36 $\frac{2}{3}$ | 15 | 15 | 9  | 2.23 | 36 | 2   | 32 | 1  | 4 | 1 | 1    |

## CATCHER



**MARK HAAS . . . 21 . . . 6-1 . . . 180 . . . Bats-Right . . . Throws-Right . . . Junior . . . Lincoln, Neb.**

After being sidelined in the '78 season with a bad shoulder, Haas returns to the Huskers as the alternate catcher for 1979 . . . Played for the Huskers in the 1977 season . . . Played shortstop in high school while attending Lincoln Southeast . . . Was also All City in basketball . . . Brother of Husker starting leftfielder Stan Haas and former Husker All Big 8 star Paul Haas . . . Will add depth as an experienced Husker squadman . . . Major: Physical Education in Teachers College . . . Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Kenton Haas.

## INFIELDERS

**KELLY COMBS . . . 21 . . . 6-1 . . . 180 . . . Bats-Right . . . Throws-Right . . . Junior . . . Santa Ana, CA**

Will be the Huskers' starting shortstop for the 1979 season . . . Transferred to Nebraska from UCLA in 1977 . . . Sat out last season but comes to the Huskers with impressive statistics . . . Outstanding fielder, should be one of the Huskers big defensive stars in the '79 campaign . . . In high school, Combs was All League in both football and baseball . . . Can also play third base . . . Major: Geography in Arts and Science . . . Parents: Eunice and Walter Combs.



**JEFF HUNTER . . . 20 . . . 6-3 . . . 180 . . . Bats-Left . . . Throws-Right . . . Sophomore . . . Millard, Neb.**

Drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the Spring draft of 1976 . . . Will start for the Huskers at third base this season . . . Transfers to Nebraska from the University of Nebraska-Omaha . . . At UNO he was an All Midwest Regional first baseman . . . Played under Husker Assistant Ron Johnette while in high school . . . At Millard High, he was an All Metro and All State third baseman . . . His 1976 team was the Nebraska State Champions . . . Should add great depth to the Husker infield . . . Major: Agricultural Economics . . . Parents: Harold and Blanche Hunter.



**GREG SCHAFER . . . 20 . . . 5-10 . . . 163 . . . Bats-Right . . . Throws-Right . . . Junior . . . Omaha, Neb.**

Transfers to the Huskers from Central Arizona Junior College . . . Played his high school ball at Omaha Creighton Prep . . . Last season, led Cental Arizona in hitting with a .366 average . . . While in high school, Greg was an All State shortstop as well as being named to the Omaha World Herald All Metro team . . . Will be an alternate for the NU squad at either second base or short stop . . . Major: Natural Resources in Agriculture School . . . Parents: Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Schafer.

## OUTFIELDERS

**STAN HAAS . . . 19 . . . 6-0 . . . 165 . . . Bats-Right . . . Throws-Right . . . Sophomore . . . Lincoln, Neb.**

Begins the 1979 season as the Huskers starting left-fielder . . . Was the Huskes alternate catcher last season . . . Led the Huskers in hitting with a .462 average . . . One of the Huskers outstanding freshman in the '78 season . . . Brother Mark is on this Husker squad and his oldest brother Paul was an All League performer at NU . . . Was an All City baseball and basketball player at Lincoln Southeast High School . . . Should be one of the young Huskers to watch in the '79 campaign . . . Major: Industrial Arts . . . Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Kenton Haas.



## CAREER TOTALS

|      | G  | AB | R | H | AVE  | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SB | BB | SO | HP | S | SF | PO | A | E | Ave. |
|------|----|----|---|---|------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|---|---|------|
| 1978 | 16 | 13 | 6 | 2 | .462 | 1  | 0  | 0  | 8   | 0  | 1  | 2  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 20 | 3 | 1 | .958 |



**JEFF HANSEN . . . 22 . . . 6-2 . . . 195 . . . Bats-Right . . . Throws-Right . . . Senior . . . Sacramento, CA**

Drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in 1974 after high school graduation . . . After four years as a Husker football letterman, joins the NU baseball corps . . . Will play in the outfield for the '79 edition of the Huskers . . . Comes to NU as a top notch baseball player, although he has not competed since high school . . . Big and strong, played safety for the NU football team . . . Could be one of the Huskers strong hitters this season . . . High School football All American at El Camino High School . . . Major: Natural Resources . . . Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Ted C. Hansen.



**HAROLD BRIGHT ... 19 ... 6-0 ... 170 ... Bats-Left  
... Throws-Left ... Freshman ... Detroit, Michigan**

Drafted in the tenth round by the Kansas City Royals last year ... Hit .425 as a senior at Mumford High School ... A prep star, played in the Adray League All Star Game in Tiger Stadium in Detroit ... Will be a utility outfielder for the Huskers ... Could be one of the freshmen to make a big difference in the '79 Husker season ... Can also play first base ... Major: Undeclared ... Parents: Mr. and Mrs. John Bright.

**DARNELL CLARKE ... 20 ... 6-0 ... 165 ... Bats-Right ... Throws-Right ... Junior ... Detroit, Michigan**

Joins the Huskers after two years at Jackson College where he hit .378 ... Will be used in the outfield for the Huskers ... Has great speed and quickness ... Can also play in the infield ... At Jackson College, he was All Conference and All Region 12 ... Played summer ball in the Adray League where he hit .385 ... All City selection while at Detroit Western High ... Major: Physical Education in Teachers College ... Mother: Gladys Clarke.



## PITCHERS



**MIKE HARLANDER ... 19 ... 6-1 ... 195 ... Bats-Right ... Throws-Right ... Freshman ... St. Cloud, Minn.**

One of the top young pitchers for the Huskers in 1979 ... Mike comes to the Huskers from Appollo High School where he finished last season 10-3 ... Pitching 71 innings, finished the year with a 1.87 ERA and had 98 strikeouts ... Played in the Minnesota All Star game ... Was his high school's Athlete of the Year ... All City in hockey, baseball, and football ... The Huskers got him from Missouri, Minnesota, and Indiana State on the recruiting trail ... All State in baseball and led his team to two State American Legion championships ... One of the young pitchers that will really make a difference for the Huskers down the road in '79 ... Major: Business Administration ... Parents: Alvin and Valaria Harlander.



**MIKE VOJTESAK ... 19 ... 6-0 ... 180 ... Bats-Right ... Throws-Right ... Freshman ... Joliet, Ill.**

Drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 1978 summer draft ... Honorable mention All American at Joliet Central High School ... The Huskers won him from the recruiting likes of Missouri, Oklahoma State, Indiana St. and Eastern Michigan ... While in high school, Mike was All State and All Conference in Illinois and was named to the All Chicago Area team ... Another young pitcher that will make a big difference for the Huskers this year ... Name Pronounced: Vote-a-sack ... Major: Arts and Science ... Parents: John and Adeline Vojtesak.

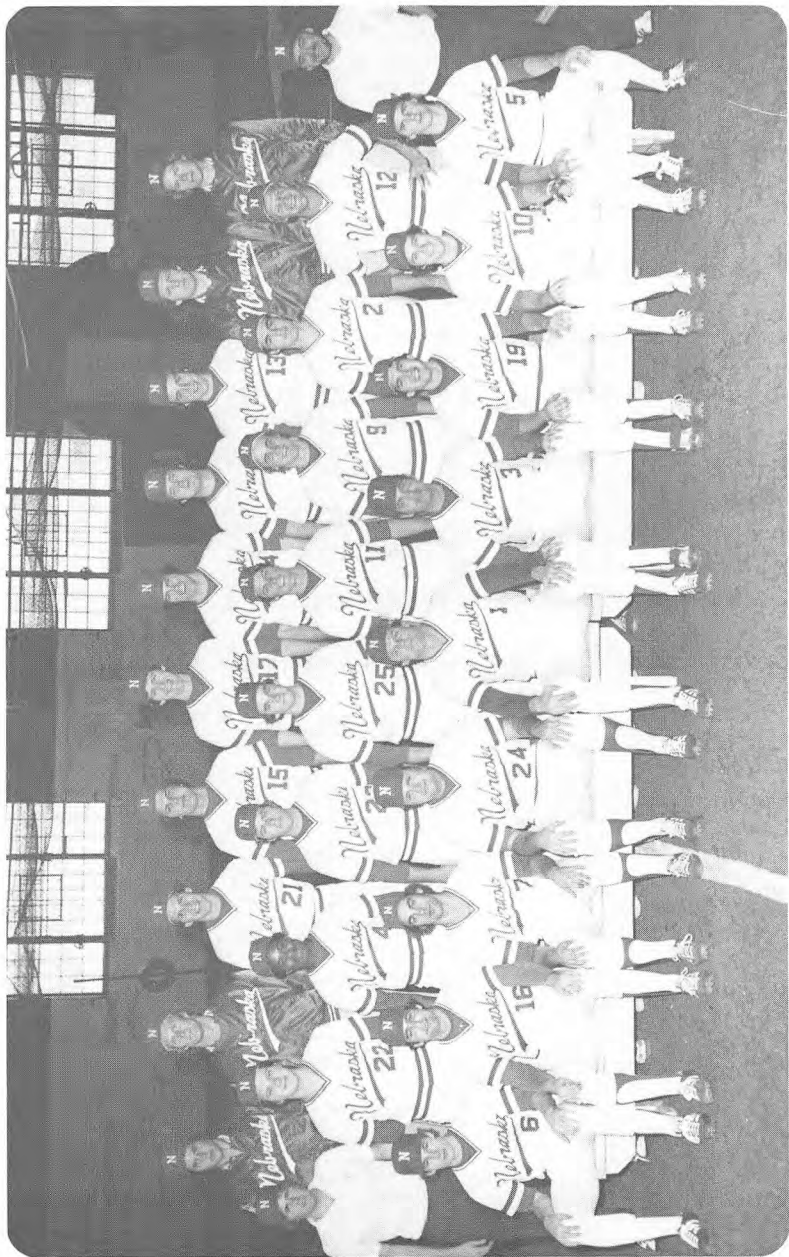
**RAY TROMBA ... 21 ... 5-11 ... 185 ... Bats-Right ... Throws-Right ... Junior ... Los Angeles, California**

Transfers to the Huskers from UCLA where he played in 1977 ... Sat out last year because of the transfer ... Should be one of the new Huskers with some valuable experience ... In high school, he was All League as a pitcher ... Can also play in the infield ... As one of the new NU mound staff members, should lend some maturity as well as an abundance of talent ... Major: Criminal Justice ... Parents: John and Sylvia Tromba.



**JIM McMANUS ... 20 ... 6-1 ... 180 ... Bats-Right ... Throws-Right ... Junior ... Chicago, Ill.**

Drafted by the Cincinnati Reds and the Chicago Cubs in 1978 ... Transfers to the Huskers from Triton Junior College where he had an 8-1 record and an ERA of 1.10 ... Finished the year with 58 strikeouts ... Was first team All State and All District while in Junior College ball ... The Huskers aced out Houston, Southern Illinois, and Indiana State for McManus' talents ... Should be a very valuable performer for the Huskers in the '79 campaign ... While in high school, he was All Conference for two years ... Major: Physical Education in Teachers College.



**1979 UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA BASEBALL TEAM**

# 1979 NEBRASKA ALPHABETICAL BASEBALL ROSTER

| NO. | NAME                 | POS. | D.O.B.   | HT.  | WT. | B | T | CLASS | HIGH SCHOOL/JC          | HOME TOWN        |
|-----|----------------------|------|----------|------|-----|---|---|-------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 3   | Bright, Harold       | OF   | 7/19/60  | 6-0  | 170 | L | L | Fr.   | Mumford H.S.            | Detroit, MI      |
| 14  | *Burke, Tim          | P    | 2/19/59  | 6-3  | 195 | R | R | So.   | Roncalli H.S.           | Omaha, NE        |
| 4   | Clarke, Darnell (JC) | OF   | 7/11/58  | 6-0  | 165 | R | R | Jr.   | Jackson Comm. College   | Detroit, MI      |
| 11  | Combs, Kelly (1)     | IF   | 11/27/57 | 6-1  | 180 | R | R | Jr.   | Foothill H.S.           | Santa Ana, CA    |
| 17  | **Costello, Jeff     | P    | 3/22/57  | 6-4  | 200 | R | R | Sr.   | Benson H.S.             | Omaha, NE        |
| 15  | **Faust, Cliff       | P    | 1/4/58   | 6-2  | 200 | L | L | Jr.   | Millard H.S.            | Millard, NE      |
| 5   | **Gebler, Bob        | OF   | 10/19/57 | 5-10 | 160 | R | R | Sr.   | Westerly H.S.           | Westerly, RI     |
| 25  | Haas, Mark           | C    | 10/2/57  | 6-1  | 185 | R | R | Jr.   | Southeast H.S.          | Lincoln, NE      |
| 2   | *Haas, Stan          | C/OF | 2/19/59  | 6-0  | 165 | R | R | So.   | Southeast H.S.          | Lincoln, NE      |
|     | Hansen, Jeff         | OF   | 5/5/56   | 6-2  | 195 | R | R | Sr.   | El Camino H.S.          | Sacramento, CA   |
| 20  | Harlander, Mike      | P    | 10/10/59 | 6-1  | 195 | R | R | Fr.   | Apollo H.S.             | St. Cloud, MN    |
| 8   | Hunter, Jeff (2)     | IF   | 1/22/58  | 6-3  | 180 | L | R | So.   | Millard H.S.            | Millard, NE      |
| 13  | McManus, Jim (JC)    | P    | 1/19/58  | 6-1  | 180 | R | R | Jr.   | Triton J.C.             | Chicago, IL      |
| 18  | *Nolting, Gary       | P    | 12/13/57 | 6-2  | 190 | R | R | Jr.   | Millard H.S.            | Millard, NE      |
| 12  | *Oakley, Steve       | OF   | 9/6/58   | 6-0  | 180 | R | R | Jr.   | Arizona Western J.C.    | Los Angeles, CA  |
| 9   | *O'Brien, Pete       | IF   | 2/9/58   | 6-1  | 180 | L | L | Jr.   | Monterey Peninsula J.C. | Pebble Beach, CA |
| 19  | *Pettit, Tim         | P    | 2/26/58  | 6-0  | 175 | R | R | Sr.   | El Camino J.C.          | Lomita, CA       |
| 10  | *Primante, Val       | C    | 11/3/56  | 5-9  | 175 | S | R | Sr.   | Mt. San Antonio J.C.    | Covina, CA       |
| 7   | *Russo, John         | IF   | 2/11/57  | 5-8  | 160 | R | R | Sr.   | Meramec J.C.            | St. Louis, MO    |
| 6   | Schafer, Greg (JC)   | IF   | 1/4/58   | 5-10 | 163 | R | R | Jr.   | Central Arizona J.C.    | Omaha, NE        |
| 21  | **Schenger, Joe      | OF   | 6/29/58  | 6-1  | 190 | R | R | Jr.   | Billings H.S.           | Billings, MT     |
| 16  | Tromba, Ray (1)      | P    | 2/9/57   | 5-11 | 185 | R | R | Jr.   | Loyola H.S.             | Los Angeles, CA  |
| 23  | Voitesak, Mike       | P    | 2/15/60  | 6-0  | 180 | R | R | Fr.   | Joliet Central H.S.     | Joliet, IL       |

1 John Sanders, Head Coach

24 Ron Johnette, Assistant Coach

22 Dave Underwood, Assistant Coach

Mark Heinz, Manager

Jeff Crist, Trainer

\* letters earned

(JC)—1979 Junior College Transfers

(1)—1978 Transfers from UCLA

(2)—1978 Transfer from Nebraska-Omaha

# FINAL 1978 NEBRASKA BASEBALL STATS

Record—Overall: Won 36, Lost 20    Big 8: Won 4, Lost 6

## HITTING AND FIELDING

| Name     | G  | AB  | R  | H  | Ave. | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SB | BB | SO | HP | S | SF | PO  | A   | E  | Ave.  |
|----------|----|-----|----|----|------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Hass     | 16 | 13  | 6  | 6  | .462 | 1  | 0  | 0  | 8   | 0  | 1  | 2  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 20  | 3   | 1  | .958  |
| O'Brien  | 47 | 141 | 33 | 47 | .333 | 6  | 4  | 2  | 22  | 0  | 20 | 8  | 0  | 2 | 1  | 255 | 17  | 5  | .982  |
| Schnoor  | 30 | 25  | 12 | 8  | .320 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8   | 0  | 9  | 4  | 1  | 0 | 0  | 13  | 16  | 1  | .950  |
| Russo    | 56 | 176 | 57 | 55 | .313 | 9  | 5  | 2  | 41  | 18 | 43 | 28 | 3  | 3 | 4  | 70  | 137 | 24 | .896  |
| Scherger | 56 | 177 | 48 | 55 | .311 | 8  | 6  | 9  | 52  | 16 | 39 | 25 | 4  | 0 | 2  | 63  | 3   | 5  | .930  |
| Gebler   | 49 | 152 | 46 | 47 | .309 | 8  | 7  | 2  | 22  | 11 | 35 | 26 | 0  | 2 | 0  | 16  | 1   | 3  | .850  |
| Carroll  | 49 | 139 | 27 | 41 | .295 | 8  | 2  | 3  | 37  | 5  | 24 | 15 | 1  | 2 | 5  | 56  | 4   | 2  | .968  |
| Dixon    | 56 | 177 | 33 | 51 | .288 | 10 | 2  | 7  | 35  | 15 | 27 | 35 | 2  | 0 | 0  | 89  | 4   | 6  | .939  |
| Winum    | 34 | 83  | 20 | 23 | .277 | 2  | 2  | 3  | 21  | 0  | 27 | 30 | 0  | 1 | 0  | 155 | 7   | 3  | .982  |
| Oakley   | 51 | 153 | 28 | 42 | .275 | 2  | 7  | 3  | 31  | 5  | 22 | 26 | 0  | 4 | 0  | 90  | 107 | 12 | .943  |
| Henne    | 44 | 107 | 21 | 29 | .271 | 6  | 2  | 2  | 15  | 0  | 12 | 13 | 3  | 3 | 0  | 173 | 8   | 5  | .973  |
| Miller   | 33 | 75  | 15 | 20 | .267 | 1  | 0  | 0  | 7   | 1  | 6  | 8  | 1  | 1 | 0  | 9   | 45  | 11 | .831  |
| Primante | 54 | 155 | 38 | 41 | .265 | 7  | 0  | 5  | 42  | 0  | 40 | 22 | 2  | 2 | 4  | 131 | 57  | 11 | .945  |
| Faust    | 9  | 0   | 0  | 0  | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 2   | 13  | 0  | 1.000 |
| Burke    | 7  | 0   | 0  | 0  | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 7   | 0  | 1.000 |
| Nolting  | 30 | 0   | 0  | 0  | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 8   | 10  | 1  | .947  |
| Pettit   | 13 | 0   | 0  | 0  | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 3   | 15  | 2  | .900  |
| Costello | 13 | 0   | 0  | 0  | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 5   | 12  | 2  | .895  |
| DiBene.  | 9  | 0   | 0  | 0  | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 3   | 9   | 3  | .800  |
| Hansen   | 5  | 0   | 0  | 0  | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 3   | 3   | 2  | .750  |
| Larkin   | 4  | 0   | 0  | 0  | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 1   | 1   | 1  | .667  |
| Kalten.  | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0  | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 2   | 1  | .667  |
| Other    | 4  | 0   | 0  | 0  | .000 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 2   | 2   | 1  | .800  |

NU Total    56 1573 384 465 .296 68 37 38 341 71 305 242 17 20 16 1167 483 102 .942

OPP Total    56 1493 233 351 .235 48 13 20 190 48 240 285 17 21 8 1155 482 89 .948

Left on Base: NU 399

Double Plays: NU 38

OPP 384

OPP 32

## PITCHING (56 Games)

| Name     | G  | GS | OG | BF  | IP   | H  | R  | ER | ERA   | BB | HBP | SO | WP | W | L | BK |
|----------|----|----|----|-----|------|----|----|----|-------|----|-----|----|----|---|---|----|
| Burke    | 7  | 5  | 4  | 165 | 36⅓  | 15 | 14 | 9  | 2.23  | 36 | 2   | 32 | 1  | 4 | 1 | 1  |
| Nolting  | 30 | 2  | 1  | 309 | 70 ⅓ | 57 | 29 | 19 | 2.43  | 42 | 2   | 61 | 3  | 6 | 4 | 0  |
| Faust    | 9  | 9  | 3  | 223 | 53⅓  | 45 | 19 | 16 | 2.70  | 15 | 1   | 37 | 1  | 4 | 3 | 0  |
| Costello | 13 | 12 | 6  | 292 | 68   | 69 | 40 | 25 | 3.31  | 17 | 1   | 32 | 0  | 6 | 4 | 0  |
| DiBene.  | 9  | 8  | 3  | 211 | 43   | 36 | 26 | 17 | 3.56  | 44 | 1   | 33 | 3  | 5 | 1 | 2  |
| Pettit   | 13 | 11 | 3  | 299 | 63⅓  | 59 | 43 | 30 | 4.24  | 42 | 4   | 45 | 9  | 6 | 5 | 1  |
| Larkin   | 4  | 2  | 1  | 69  | 15⅓  | 15 | 10 | 9  | 5.28  | 8  | 1   | 11 | 1  | 3 | 0 | 0  |
| Hansen   | 5  | 4  | 1  | 95  | 18⅓  | 25 | 21 | 18 | 8.84  | 12 | 1   | 15 | 4  | 1 | 1 | 0  |
| Kalten.  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 16  | 2⅓   | 2  | 6  | 5  | 19.31 | 6  | 0   | 1  | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Other    | 4  | 2  | 1  | 106 | 8⅓   | 28 | 25 | 21 | 10.31 | 18 | 4   | 18 | 3  | 1 | 1 | 0  |

NU Total    56 56 23 1785 389 351 233 169 3.91 240 17 285 26 36 20 4

OPP Total    56 56 16 1941 385 465 384 320 7.48 305 17 242 38 20 36 4

NU Saves: Nolting (7)

# 1978 NEBRASKA SCORES

NU 3, Dallas U. 0 (Costello W, 1-0)  
 NU 7, Dallas U. 0 (Faust W, 1-0)  
 NU 11, SMU 5, (DiBenedetti W, 1-0)  
 SMU 7, NU 5 (Pettit L, 0-1)  
 NU 9, Austin College 5 (Larkin W, 1-0)  
 NU 21, Austin College 0 (Burke W, 1-0)  
 NU 13, N. Texas St. 5 (Sampson W, 1-0)  
 NU 17, N. Texas St. 1 (Hansen W, 1-0)  
 Sam Houston St. 4, NU 2 (Costello L, 1-1)  
 Sam Houston St. 3, NU 1 (Faust L, 1-1)  
 Lamar 5, NU 1 (Pettit L, 0-2)  
 Lamar 9, NU 4 (DiBenedetti L, 1-1)  
 NU 14, Rice 7 (Nolting W, 1-0)  
 NU 7, Rice 2 (Faust W, 2-1)  
 NW Louisiana St. 3, NU 2 (Burke L, 1-1)  
 NW Louisiana St. 5, NU 3 (Hansen L, 1-1)  
 Houston 5, NU 3 (Pettit L, 0-3)  
 St. Cloud St. 15, NU 6 (Pettit L, 0-4)  
 NU 4, St. Cloud St. 2 (Faust W, 3-1)  
 St. Cloud St. 6, NU 4 (Nolting L, 1-1)  
 NU 7, St. Cloud St. 4 (DiBenedetti W, 2-1)  
 NU 9, St. Cloud St. 4 (Burke W, 2-1)  
 NU 11, Buena Vista 10 (Nolting W, 2-1)  
 NU 9, Buena Vista 8 (Larkin W, 2-0)  
 NU 15, Kansas St. 6 (Pettit W, 1-4)  
 Kansas St. 11, NU 5 (Sampson L, 1-1)  
 NU 5, Kansas St. 3 (Faust W, 4-1)  
 NU 3, Kansas St. 0 (Costello W, 2-1)  
 NU 2, Hawaii 1 (Costello W, 3-1)  
 NU 5, Hawaii 3 (Pettit W, 2-4)  
 NU 7, Hawaii 2 (DiBenedetti W, 3-1)

Hawaii 5, NU 2 (Faust L, 4-2)  
 Hawaii 6, NU 2 (Costello L, 3-2)  
 NU 6, Creighton 5 (Nolting W, 3-1)  
 NU 11, Creighton 10 (Nolting W, 4-1)  
 Missouri 5, NU 4 (Costello L, 3-3)  
 Missouri 2, NU 0 (Nolting L, 4-2)  
 NU 10, Dana 0 (Pettit W, 3-4)  
 NU 12, Dana 2 (Burke W, 3-1)  
 Kansas 4, NU 2 (Nolting L, 4-3)  
 NU 8, Kansas 4 (Costello W, 4-3)  
 NU 21, Kansas 2 (DiBenedetti W, 4-1)  
 Kansas 8, NU 3 (Pettit L, 3-5)  
 NU 14, Creighton 3 (Costello W, 5-3)  
 Creighton 5, NU 4 (Nolting L, 4-4)  
 NU 4, Wayne St. 3 (Burke W, 4-1)  
 NU 11, Wayne St. 2 (Larkin W, 3-0)  
 Iowa St. 8, NU 2 (Costello L, 5-4)  
 Iowa St. 1, NU 0 (Faust L, 4-3)  
 NU 9, Iowa St. 1 (Pettit W, 4-5)  
 NU 7, Iowa St. 3 (Nolting W, 5-4)  
 NU 14, Morningside 2 (Costello W, 6-4)  
 NU 4, Morningside 3 (Nolting W, 6-4)  
 NU 2, Ft. Hays St. 1 (Pettit W, 5-5)  
 NU 10, Ft. Hays St. 3 (DiBenedetti W, 5-1)  
 NU 7, Creighton 4 (Pettit W, 6-5)

## NU SEASON TOTALS

Final Overall Record: 36-20  
 Final Big 8 Record: 4-6  
 Final Home Record: 19-6

Final Away Record: 17-14  
 One Run Record: 8-4  
 Shut Outs: 5-2



TIM CARROLL

## CARROLL CITED FOR ACADEMICS

Tim Carroll, Nebraska's junior right fielder who earned 1978 Honorable Mention All Big 8 honors and was drafted by the Chicago Cubs last summer, was also cited in '78 as a first team member of the Academic All Big 8 team.

Carroll had a 3.1 average, based on a 4.0 scale, as a physical education major.

# 1978 Big 8 STATISTICS

## ALL GAMES

| Team            | W         | L         | Pct.        |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Kansas          | 34        | 13(1 tie) | .718        |
| Oklahoma        | 39        | 20        | .661        |
| Missouri        | 35        | 18        | .660        |
| Oklahoma State  | 40        | 22        | .645        |
| <b>Nebraska</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>.643</b> |
| Colorado        | 30        | 21        | .588        |
| Kansas State    | 20        | 29        | .408        |
| Iowa State      | 17        | 25        | .405        |

## Conference Games

### East Division

| Team            | W        | L        | Pct.        |
|-----------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Missouri        | 7        | 3        | .700        |
| Kansas          | 8        | 4        | .666        |
| <b>Nebraska</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>.400</b> |
| Iowa State      | 3        | 9        | .250        |

### West Division

| Team           | W  | L  | Pct. |
|----------------|----|----|------|
| Oklahoma       | 10 | 2  | .833 |
| Oklahoma State | 7  | 5  | .686 |
| Colorado       | 5  | 7  | .416 |
| Kansas State   | 2  | 10 | .166 |

Oklahoma State was declared the Conference Champion by virtue of winning the third annual Big Eight Conference Baseball Championship Tournament, May 17-21 in Oklahoma City, Okla.



# 1978 BIG 8 STATISTICS, Cont.

## ALL GAMES

|              | G  | AB   | R   | H   | RBI | 2B | 3B | HR | Avg. | SB  | Sac | A   | PO   | E   | Pct. |
|--------------|----|------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| IOWA ST.     | 37 | 1008 | 199 | 288 | 160 | 45 | 11 | 14 | .285 | 55  | 21  | 335 | 798  | 53  | .955 |
| Opponents    |    | 1004 | 196 | 268 | 147 | 33 | 12 | 12 | .267 | 36  | 18  | 333 | 770  | 65  | .945 |
| KANSAS ST.   | 49 | 1325 | 268 | 351 | 219 | 43 | 21 | 27 | .265 | 56  | 41  | 403 | 1017 | 105 | .931 |
| Opponents    |    | 1427 | 305 | 427 | 273 | 58 | 28 | 22 | .299 | 43  | 31  | 417 | 1012 | 99  | .935 |
| OKLAHOMA ST. | 54 | 1553 | 397 | 434 | 330 | 87 | 19 | 36 | .280 | 36  | 26  | 517 | 1162 | 84  | .952 |
| Opponents    |    | 1468 | 252 | 395 | 111 | 59 | 16 | 24 | .245 | 28  | 36  | 468 | 1122 | 114 | .933 |
| COLORADO     | 45 | 1308 | 313 | 398 | 275 | 74 | 22 | 23 | .304 | 36  | 24  | 442 | 948  | 92  | .938 |
| Opponents    |    | 1299 | 290 | 396 | 257 | 60 | 12 | 42 | .305 | 38  | 31  | 408 | 941  | 93  | .936 |
| KANSAS       | 42 | 1163 | 261 | 346 | 208 | 43 | 27 | 20 | .298 | 40  | 32  | 383 | 887  | 80  | .941 |
| Opponents    |    | 1143 | 161 | 265 | 133 | 48 | 7  | 17 | .237 | 38  | 31  | 418 | 868  | 81  | .941 |
| MISSOURI     | 47 | 1364 | 308 | 428 | 281 | 66 | 16 | 32 | .314 | 72  | 27  | 487 | 1005 | 62  | .960 |
| Opponents    |    | 1278 | 155 | 296 | 139 | 38 | 7  | 16 | .232 | 21  | 19  | 390 | 964  | 83  | .942 |
| NEBRASKA     | 55 | 1542 | 377 | 454 | 334 | 66 | 37 | 37 | .294 | 66  | 36  | 475 | 1140 | 100 | .942 |
| Opponents    |    | 1457 | 229 | 342 | 187 | 46 | 13 | 18 | .235 | 48  | 38  | 474 | 1131 | 89  | .947 |
| OKLAHOMA     | 55 | 1722 | 353 | 512 | 298 | 75 | 23 | 28 | .297 | 110 | 38  | 509 | 1315 | 116 | .940 |
| Opponents    |    | 1529 | 187 | 373 | 161 | 61 | 75 | 23 | .244 | 23  | 35  | 535 | 1255 | 113 | .941 |

## TEAM LEADERS

| Team Hitting |    |      |     |      | Team Fielding |    |     |      |     |      |
|--------------|----|------|-----|------|---------------|----|-----|------|-----|------|
|              | G  | AB   | H   | Avg. |               | G  | A   | PO   | E   | Pct. |
| Missouri     | 47 | 1364 | 427 | .314 | Missouri      | 47 | 487 | 1005 | 62  | .960 |
| Colorado     | 45 | 1308 | 398 | .304 | Iowa St.      | 37 | 335 | 798  | 53  | .955 |
| Kansas       | 42 | 1163 | 346 | .298 | Oklahoma St.  | 54 | 517 | 1162 | 84  | .952 |
| Oklahoma     | 55 | 1722 | 512 | .297 | Nebraska      | 55 | 475 | 1140 | 100 | .942 |
| Nebraska     | 55 | 1542 | 454 | .294 | Kansas        | 42 | 383 | 887  | 80  | .941 |
| Iowa St.     | 37 | 1008 | 288 | .285 | Oklahoma      | 55 | 509 | 1315 | 116 | .940 |
| Oklahoma St. | 54 | 1553 | 434 | .280 | Colorado      | 45 | 442 | 948  | 92  | .938 |
| Kansas St.   | 49 | 1325 | 351 | .265 | Kansas St.    | 49 | 403 | 1017 | 105 | .931 |

## Team Pitching (Based on ERA)

| Team           | G  | IP                | H   | R   | ER  | BB  | SO  | ERA  |
|----------------|----|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Oklahoma       | 55 | 438 $\frac{1}{3}$ | 373 | 187 | 119 | 174 | 312 | 2.44 |
| Missouri       | 47 | 335 $\frac{2}{3}$ | 296 | 155 | 111 | 132 | 247 | 2.98 |
| Kansas         | 42 | 295 $\frac{2}{3}$ | 265 | 161 | 112 | 120 | 230 | 3.41 |
| Nebraska       | 55 | 380               | 342 | 229 | 167 | 238 | 272 | 3.96 |
| Oklahoma State | 54 | 387 $\frac{1}{3}$ | 359 | 252 | 197 | 249 | 289 | 4.58 |
| Iowa State     | 37 | 266               | 268 | 196 | 157 | 146 | 173 | 5.31 |
| Kansas State   | 49 | 339               | 427 | 305 | 218 | 108 | 194 | 5.79 |
| Colorado       | 45 | 316               | 396 | 290 | 231 | 197 | 196 | 6.58 |

# ALL GAMES

## Hitting

(Minimum of 2 AB's per game)

| Player, Team                  | Pos.      | G         | AB         | R         | H         | RBI       | 2B       | 3B       | HR       | Avg.        |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Jeff Trunninger, Iowa State   | of        | 37        | 112        | 26        | 45        | 35        | 10       | 2        | 5        | .402        |
| Greg Cypret, Missouri         | ss        | 45        | 155        | 35        | 61        | 42        | 5        | 1        | 6        | .394        |
| Brian Weaver, Oklahoma State  | dh        | 37        | 74         | 14        | 29        | 17        | 8        | 0        | 0        | .392        |
| Curt Brown, Missouri          | 1b        | 46        | 150        | 34        | 57        | 28        | 15       | 1        | 4        | .380        |
| Biff Gordon, Colorado         | dh        | 33        | 98         | 27        | 37        | 18        | 5        | 1        | 1        | .378        |
| Rob Robinson, Oklahoma        | of-dh     | 34        | 81         | 19        | 30        | 9         | 2        | 2        | 0        | .370        |
| Tim Pepper, Kansas State      | c         | 48        | 150        | 28        | 55        | 45        | 7        | 5        | 7        | .367        |
| Chuck Minkel, Colorado        | c         | 44        | 143        | 33        | 52        | 35        | 15       | 0        | 4        | .364        |
| Al Benson, Iowa State         | 1b        | 37        | 125        | 24        | 45        | 34        | 9        | 3        | 7        | .360        |
| Skip Bailey, Colorado         | 3b        | 45        | 150        | 34        | 54        | 28        | 7        | 2        | 1        | .360        |
| Bill Ireland, Oklahoma State  | rf        | 49        | 178        | 43        | 63        | 36        | 10       | 1        | 4        | .354        |
| Steve Jeltz, Kansas           | 2b        | 42        | 111        | 31        | 39        | 18        | 5        | 5        | 0        | .351        |
| Greg Korbe, Kansas State      | rf        | 49        | 164        | 44        | 57        | 32        | 8        | 3        | 5        | .348        |
| Vic Harris, Kansas            | of        | 40        | 112        | 25        | 39        | 15        | 5        | 2        | 0        | .348        |
| Art Toal, Oklahoma            | ss        | 54        | 172        | 34        | 59        | 28        | 9        | 0        | 3        | .343        |
| Kelly Summy, Iowa State       | of        | 37        | 123        | 31        | 42        | 17        | 6        | 1        | 1        | .341        |
| John Spottswood, Kansas       | of        | 38        | 135        | 31        | 46        | 12        | 3        | 4        | 1        | .341        |
| Monte Hobbs, Kansas           | dh        | 32        | 59         | 12        | 20        | 12        | 3        | 2        | 0        | .339        |
| Terry Bogener, Oklahoma       | lf        | 55        | 186        | 55        | 63        | 43        | 11       | 6        | 3        | .339        |
| Jim Leavitt, Missouri         | of        | 33        | 93         | 18        | 31        | 13        | 4        | 2        | 3        | .333        |
| <b>Pete O'Brien, Nebraska</b> | <b>1b</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>141</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>.333</b> |
| Jim English, Missouri         | 2b        | 29        | 88         | 19        | 29        | 12        | 2        | 2        | 0        | .330        |
| Jim Werner, Missouri          | cf        | 23        | 58         | 16        | 19        | 11        | 1        | 1        | 0        | .328        |
| Steve Jerman, Colorado        | 2b        | 45        | 168        | 40        | 55        | 43        | 7        | 8        | 4        | .327        |
| Lee Ice, Kansas               | 3b        | 42        | 129        | 36        | 42        | 32        | 3        | 3        | 2        | .326        |

## Pitching

| Player, Team                  | G         | GS       | CG       | IP         | H         | R         | ER        | BB        | SO        | W-L        | ERA         |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| David Wendt, Oklahoma         | 10        | 8        | 4        | 57½        | 49        | 21        | 10        | 10        | 36        | 5-3        | 1.57        |
| Mark Hipp, Oklahoma           | 14        | 10       | 6        | 79         | 47        | 28        | 14        | 25        | 71        | 4-3        | 1.60        |
| Terry Sutcliffe, Kansas       | 11        | 8        | 5        | 59         | 47        | 23        | 12        | 23        | 60        | 9-0        | 1.83        |
| Galen Worley, Kansas          | 15        | 0        | 0        | 29½        | 20        | 9         | 6         | 16        | 34        | 3-1        | 1.86        |
| Mike Pfautsch, Missouri       | 8         | 2        | 0        | 23½        | 18        | 8         | 5         | 11        | 21        | 4-0        | 1.90        |
| Tom Bloemke, Missouri         | 10        | 9        | 5        | 60½        | 48        | 22        | 13        | 23        | 38        | 5-3        | 1.94        |
| Tom Heckman, Missouri         | 8         | 8        | 5        | 55½        | 40        | 20        | 12        | 11        | 29        | 6-2        | 1.94        |
| Scott Gardner, Oklahoma       | 10        | 9        | 7        | 70         | 46        | 24        | 17        | 25        | 56        | 8-2        | 2.19        |
| <b>Tim Burke, Nebraska</b>    | <b>7</b>  | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>36½</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>9</b>  | <b>36</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>4-1</b> | <b>2.23</b> |
| Kevin Blasier, Oklahoma State | 11        | 3        | 2        | 35         | 24        | 14        | 9         | 16        | 17        | 2-2        | 2.31        |
| Victor Hodges, Oklahoma       | 10        | 1        | 0        | 32         | 25        | 14        | 8         | 20        | 28        | 3-1        | 2.25        |
| Steve Shockey, Missouri       | 9         | 9        | 5        | 54½        | 49        | 24        | 15        | 18        | 26        | 4-2        | 2.48        |
| <b>Gary Nolting, Nebraska</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>70½</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>61</b> | <b>6-4</b> | <b>2.56</b> |
| Dan St. Clair, Kansas         | 13        | 9        | 5        | 66½        | 46        | 26        | 19        | 20        | 63        | 6-2        | 2.58        |
| <b>Cliff Faust, Nebraska</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>9</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>53½</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>4-3</b> | <b>2.70</b> |
| Curtis Voyles, Oklahoma       | 8         | 5        | 1        | 30         | 32        | 14        | 9         | 16        | 20        | 3-1        | 2.70        |
| DeWayne Vaughn, Oklahoma      | 6         | 2        | 2        | 29½        | 30        | 17        | 9         | 15        | 10        | 2-0        | 2.73        |
| Alex Kager, Oklahoma          | 6         | 5        | 2        | 29½        | 23        | 11        | 9         | 12        | 16        | 3-1        | 2.76        |
| Rob Pietroburgo, Missouri     | 10        | 10       | 7        | 65½        | 58        | 29        | 21        | 17        | 67        | 8-2        | 2.89        |
| Jeff Cornell, Missouri        | 16        | 1        | 0        | 31         | 27        | 12        | 10        | 20        | 33        | 3-2        | 2.90        |

### Departmental Leaders

- Hits—Terry Bogener (OU) and Bill Ireland (OS) 63; Greg Cypret (MU) 60; Art Toal (OU) 59; Don Morris (OU) 58; Greg Korbe (KS) and Curt Brown (MU) 57; Lee Hover (OU) 56; Tim Pepper (KS) and Steve Jerman (CU) 55; Skip Bailey (CU) 54; Chuck Minkel (OU), **Joe Scherger (NU)** and **John Russo (NU)** 52; **Tommy Thompson (OU)** 51; **Dan Dixon (NU)** 50.
- 2B—Chuck Minkel (CU) and Curt Brown (MU) 15; Stu Winter (CU) and Don Morris (OU) 13; Don Townsend (OS), Terry Bogener (OU) and Tommy Thompson (OU) 11; Three tied with 10 each.
- 3B—Steve Jerman (CU) 8; **Bob Gabler (NU)** and **Steve Oakley (NU)** 7; **Joe Scherger (NU)** and Terry Bogener (OU) 6; Stu Winter (CU), Tim Pepper (KS), Steve Jeltz (KU), and **John Russo (NU)** 5; Gordon Burkman (KS), Tim Laudner (MU) and Steve Shcholnid (OS) 4.
- HR—**Joe Scherger (NU)** 8; Greg Pastors (OS), Andy Gilmore (KU) and David Harrigan (OU) 8; Al Benson (IS), Tim Pepper (KS) and **Dan Dixon (NU)** 7; Greg Cypret (MU), Stu Winter (CU) and Dave Sullivan (OS) 6; Greg Korbe (KS), **Val Primante (NU)** 5.
- RBI—Duane Evans (OS) 51; **Joe Scherger (NU)** 50; Tim Pepper (KS) 45; Stu Winter (CU) 44; Terry Bogener (OU), Steve Jerman (CU) 43; Greg Pastors (OS), Greg Cypret (MU) and **Val Primante (NU)**, **John Russo (NU)** 42; David Harrigan (OU) 41; Dave Sullivan (OS) 40; Tommy Thompson (OU) 39.
- SB—Lee Hover (OU) 29; Terry Bogener (OU) 25; David Luethy (OU) 18; Kelly Summy (IS) 17; **John Russo (NU)** 16; Jim English (MU) 15; **Joe Scherger (NU)** and **Dan Dixon (NU)** 14; George Sallas (KS) and Don Morris (OU) 13; John Spottswood (KU) 12; Al Hightower (MU) 11.

## WHEN THE HUSKERS GO INDOORS



*Schulte Fieldhouse houses the Nebraska baseball team during bad weather. Located under the North End of Memorial Stadium, the AstroTurf surface allows the Huskers to practice all phases of the game indoors, when the weather outdoors is inclement.*



*Weight training is a large part of the conditioning program for the Nebraska baseball team. Nebraska's weight facilities are the finest in the country.*

# **'BUCK' BELTZER FIELD**

*Before*

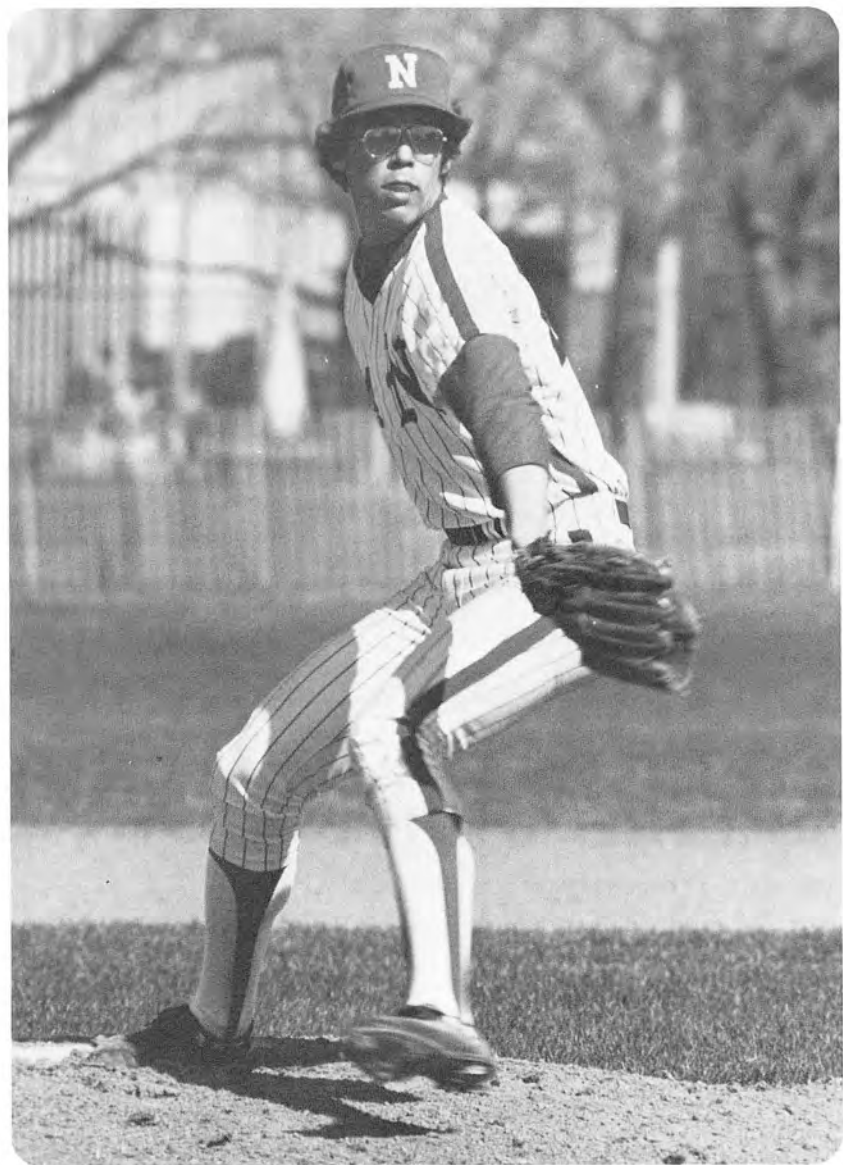


*After*



*Under Construction*





## THE RECORDS

# NEBRASKA BASEBALL RECORDS

## Season Batting Records—All Games

**Batting Average**—.459, Steve Smith, OF—1962; .459, Don Brown, Inf.—1959  
**Homeruns**—10, Bob Cerv, OF—1950; 10, Don Brown, Inf.—1956  
**Triples**—7, Bob Gebler, DH—1978, Steve Oakley, 2B—1978  
**Runs Batted In**—52, Joe Scherger, LF—1978  
**Hits**—55, Joe Scherger, LF—1978, John Russo, SS—1978  
**Runs**—57, John Russo, SS—1978



STEVE SMITH

## Season Batting Records—Conference Games

**Batting Average**—.528, Bob Cerv, OF—1950  
**Home Runs**—6, Phil Barth, P-Inf.—1960  
**Runs Batted In**—19, Bob Cerv, OF—1950  
**Hits**—27, Bob Cerv, OF—1950

## Season Pitching Records—All Games

**Record**—6-0, Steve McManaman, 1977; 6-0, Ray Novak, 1953  
**Earned Run Average**—0.95, Ray Novak, 1953  
**Most Appearances**—30, Gary Nolting—1978

## Season Pitching Records—Conference Games

**Record**—6-0, Elroy Gloystein—1948  
**Earned Run Average**—1.09, Ray Novak—1953

## Misscellaneous Season Records—All Games

**Fielding**—1.000, Paul Haas, OF—1975  
**Stolen Bases**—25, Bob Cerv, OF—1948



DON BROWN

## Career Batting Records

**Batting Average**—.409, Don Brown, Inf.—1954-56  
**Home Runs**—18, Bob Cerv, OF—1947-50  
**Doubles**—21, Larry Winum, 1B—1975-78  
**Triples**—10, Bob Gebler, DH—1978-  
**Runs Batted In**—93, Joe Scherger, LF—1977-  
**Stolen Bases**—61, Bob Cerv, OF—1947-50  
**Total Bases**—182, Paul Haas, OF—1974-77  
**Slugging Percentage**—.650, Don Brown, Inf.—1954-56  
**Hits**—119, Paul Haas, OF—1974-77  
**Runs**—87, Bob Cerv, OF—1947-50  
**At Bats**—417, Paul Haas, OF—1974-77

### Team

**Most Games**—50, 1978  
**Most Wins**—30, 1978

## CURRENT NEBRASKA PLAYERS DRAFTED BY THE PROS

Jeff Hansen—Sr. Outfielder .....Los Angeles Dodgers, June—1976  
Joe Scherger—Jr. Outfielder .....Minnesota Twins, June—1976  
Jim McManus—Jr. Pitcher .....Chicago Cubs, June—1978  
Jeff Hunter—So. Third Baseman .....Los Angeles Dodgers, June—1976  
Harold Bright—Fr. Outfielder .....Kansas City Royals, June—1978  
Mike Vojtesak—Fr. Pitcher .....Philadelphia Phillies, June—1978

## Records Broken In 1978

### Team

**Most Games**—56 (old mark—42—1977)  
**Most Wins**—36 (old mark—29—1977)

### Individual Season Batting

**Triples**—7, Bob Gebler, DH; Steve Oakley, 2B (old mark—4, Bob Cerv, OF—1948; Dick Anderson, Inf—1974)  
**RBI's**—52, Joe Scherger, LF (old mark—41, Joe Scherger, LF—1977)  
**Hits**—55, Joe Scherger, LF; John Russo, SS (old mark—45, Steve Smith, OF—1950)  
**Runs**—57, John Russo SS (old mark—37, Steve McManaman, DH—1977)

### Career Batting

**Doubles**—21, Larry Winum, 1B—1975-78 (old mark—20, Steve McManaman, DH—1974-76)  
**Triples**—10, Bob Gebler, DH—1976- (old mark—8, Don Brown, Inf.—1954-56)  
**RBI's**—93, Joe Scherger, LF—1977- (old mark—91, Bob Cerv, OF—1947-50)

### Season Pitching

**Most Appearances**—30, Gary Nolting

# NEBRASKA BASEBALL HISTORY

## 1892-1978

| Year | Overall Record |    |   | Conf. Record |   |   | Conf. Standing | Coach |
|------|----------------|----|---|--------------|---|---|----------------|-------|
|      | W              | L  | T | W            | L | T |                |       |
| 1892 | 0              | 2  | 1 |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1893 | 3              | 0  |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1894 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1895 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1896 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1897 | 8              | 5  | 1 |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1898 | 7              | 3  |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1899 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1900 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1901 | 10             | 9  |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1902 | 18             | 8  |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1903 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1904 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1905 | 6              | 16 | 1 |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1906 | 5              | 12 | 1 |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1907 | 6              | 10 | 1 |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1908 | 4              | 8  | 1 |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1909 | 13             | 10 | 1 |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1910 | 7              | 7  | 1 |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1911 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1912 | 3              | 0  |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1913 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1914 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1915 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1916 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1917 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1918 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1919 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1920 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1921 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1922 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1923 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1924 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1925 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1926 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1927 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |
| 1928 |                |    |   |              |   |   |                |       |

### BIG SIX CONFERENCE

|      |    |    |   |    |   |     |                         |
|------|----|----|---|----|---|-----|-------------------------|
| 1929 | 12 | 5  | 1 | 10 | 5 | 1st | John R. 'Choppy' Rhodes |
| 1930 | 9  | 7  |   | 7  | 5 | 3rd | John R. 'Choppy' Rhodes |
| 1931 | 4  | 11 |   | 2  | 8 | 6th | W. H. Browne            |
| 1932 |    |    |   |    |   |     |                         |
| 1933 |    |    |   |    |   |     |                         |
| 1934 | 5  | 9  |   |    |   |     | W. W. Knight            |

# NEBRASKA BASEBALL HISTORY Cont.

| Year                        | Overall Record |     |    | Conf. Record |     |   | Conf. Standing | Coach                       |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----|----|--------------|-----|---|----------------|-----------------------------|
|                             | W              | L   | T  | W            | L   | T |                |                             |
| 1935                        | 3              | 14  | 1  | 2            | 9   |   | 5th            | W. W. Knight                |
| 1936                        | 3              | 11  |    | 2            | 9   |   | 5th            | W. W. Knight                |
| 1937                        | 5              | 12  |    | 4            | 9   |   | 4th            | W. W. Knight                |
| 1938                        | 6              | 9   |    | 4            | 6   |   | 4th            | W. W. Knight                |
| 1939                        | 5              | 13  |    | 4            | 6   |   | 3rd            | W. W. Knight                |
| 1940                        | 4              | 12  |    | 3            | 9   |   | 5th            | W. W. Knight                |
| 1941                        | 1              | 15  |    | 2            | 8   |   | 6th            | W. W. Knight                |
| 1942                        | 3              | 11  |    | 3            | 6   |   | 5th            | A. J. Lewandowski           |
| 1943                        |                |     |    |              |     |   |                |                             |
| 1944                        |                |     |    |              |     |   |                |                             |
| 1945                        |                |     |    |              |     |   |                |                             |
| 1946                        | 9              | 7   |    | 7            | 5   |   | 3rd            | Frank Smayacz               |
| 1947                        | 6              | 9   | 1  | 6            | 7   |   | 4th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| <b>BIG SEVEN CONFERENCE</b> |                |     |    |              |     |   |                |                             |
| 1948                        | 17             | 6   |    | 14           | 3   |   | 1st            | Tony Sharpe (NCAA Playoffs) |
| 1949                        | 9              | 13  |    | 7            | 10  |   | 7th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1950                        | 16             | 8   |    | 11           | 3   |   | 1st            | Tony Sharpe (NCAA Playoffs) |
| 1951                        | 10             | 5   |    | 5            | 4   |   | 3rd            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1952                        | 13             | 7   |    | 8            | 5   |   | 2nd            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1953                        | 12             | 5   | 2  | 10           | 3   |   | 2nd            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1954                        | 10             | 10  |    | 4            | 8   |   | 6th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1955                        | 15             | 5   |    | 10           | 4   |   | 3rd            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1956                        | 12             | 8   |    | 8            | 4   |   | 2nd            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1957                        | 12             | 10  |    | 8            | 9   |   | 5th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| <b>BIG EIGHT CONFERENCE</b> |                |     |    |              |     |   |                |                             |
| 1958                        | 17             | 10  |    | 12           | 9   |   | 5th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1959                        | 11             | 11  |    | 11           | 4   |   | 2nd            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1960                        | 9              | 12  |    | 6            | 11  |   | 7th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1961                        | 9              | 14  |    | 7            | 11  |   | 6th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1962                        | 15             | 11  |    | 10           | 10  |   | 5th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1963                        | 10             | 16  |    | 5            | 15  |   | 6th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1964                        | 9              | 18  |    | 7            | 14  |   | 6th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1965                        | 12             | 8   |    | 16           | 6   |   | 2nd            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1966                        | 18             | 9   |    | 12           | 8   |   | 3rd            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1967                        | 8              | 18  |    | 7            | 11  |   | 6th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1968                        | 10             | 15  | 1  | 7            | 13  |   | 7th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1969                        | 9              | 15  |    | 4            | 14  |   | 8th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1970                        | 14             | 12  |    | 11           | 8   |   | 3rd            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1971                        | 10             | 20  |    | 7            | 13  |   | 7th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1972                        | 12             | 17  |    | 8            | 11  |   | 7th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1973                        | 15             | 14  | 1  | 7            | 11  |   | 6th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1974                        | 13             | 27  |    | 4            | 16  |   | 8th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1975                        | 13             | 20  |    | 7            | 8   |   | 5th            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1976                        | 21             | 24  | 1  | 0            | 2*  |   | 7th tie        | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1977                        | 29             | 13  |    | 5            | 7   |   | 3rd            | Tony Sharpe                 |
| 1978                        | 36             | 20  |    | 4            | 6   |   | 3rd            | John Sanders                |
| Totals                      | 591            | 634 | 16 | 294          | 353 |   |                |                             |

\* Lost two games at Postseason Playoff

# NEBRASKA'S ALL BIG 8 PLAYERS

(FIRST TEAM ONLY—17)

1958 Larry Lewis—OF  
Gene Torczon—OF  
Jim Kane—C  
Dwight Siebler—P

1959 Ken Rusinger—1B

1962 Steve Smith—OF  
Don Purcell—C

1965 Stan Bahnsen—P

1966 Bob Brand—1B  
Bob Churchich—3B  
Alex Walter—OF  
Gary Neibauer—P

1972 Sam Sharpe—2B  
Gene Stohs—OF

1973 Bob Munson—OF

1977 Paul Haas—OF  
Steve McManaman—DH

## *Scherger, Dixon 1978 Second Team All Big 8*

Last season, Huskers' Joe Scherger and Dan Dixon earned second team All Big 8 honors. Leftfielder Scherger batted .311 and centerfielder Dixon hit .288.

Chosen Honorable Mention All Big 8 were first baseman Pete O'Brien, pitcher Gary Nolting and rightfielder Tim Carroll.

### *1978 SECOND TEAM ALL BIG 8*



JOE SCHERGER



DAN DIXON

### *1978 HONORABLE MENTION ALL BIG 8*



PETE O'BRIEN



GARY NOLTING



TIM CARROLL

# NEBRASKA BASEBALL ALL AMERICANS

## FIRST TEAM

1950—Bob Cerv, OF  
1950—Don Brown, Inf.  
1972—Gene Stohs, OF

## SECOND TEAM

1955—Don Brown, Inf.  
1966—Bob Churchich, Inf.  
1973—Bob Munson, OF

## THIRD TEAM

1952—Jerry Dunn, OF  
1953—Ray Novak, P  
1954—Fred Seger, Inf.  
1955—Bill Giles, 1B  
1965—Stan Bahnsen, P

## Pan American Games

1963—Steve Smith, OF

# NEBRASKA'S PRO PLAYERS

(Since 1947)

| Years at NU | Name               |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 1947-50     | Bob Cerv           |
| 1950-52     | Bob Diers          |
| 1952-54     | William Giles      |
| 1953-55     | Fred Seger         |
| 1955-57     | Don Brown          |
| 1956-58     | James Kane         |
| 1956-58     | Charles Ziegenbein |
| 1957-59     | Dwight Siebler     |
| 1959-60     | Ely Churchich      |
| 1960        | Phil Barth         |
| 1960-62     | Don Purcell        |
| 1960-62     | Jan Wall           |
| 1962-64     | Keith Sieck        |
| 1964-66     | Bob Hergenrader    |
| 1965        | Stan Bahnsen       |
| 1965-66     | Gary Neibauer      |
| 1965-67     | Bob Stickles       |
| 1966-67     | Bob Churchich      |
| 1971-73     | Ryan Kurosaki      |
| 1975-77     | Steve McManaman    |
| 1977-78     | Tim Carroll        |
| 1978        | Dan Dixon          |

| Professional Club     |
|-----------------------|
| New York Yankees      |
| Cleveland Indians     |
| Detroit Tigers        |
| Chicago White Sox     |
| Kansas City A's       |
| New York Yankees      |
| New York Yankees      |
| Philadelphia Phillies |
| Cleveland Indians     |
| Baltimore Orioles     |
| Chicago White Sox     |
| New York Mets         |
| Chicago White Sox     |
| Minnesota Twins       |
| New York Yankees      |
| Atlanta Braves        |
| Kansas City Athletics |
| Atlanta Braves        |
| St. Louis Cardinals   |
| Minnesota Twins       |
| Chicago Cubs          |
| Texas Rangers         |



**TIM CARROLL**  
*Chicago Cubs*



**DAN DIXON**  
*Texas Rangers*

# 1978 BIG EIGHT ALL-CONFERENCE BASEBALL TEAM

(Picked by the Coaches)

| First Team                                | HR | RBI  | Avg. | Flg. Pct. | Class |
|-------------------------------------------|----|------|------|-----------|-------|
| Catcher—Tim Pepper, Kansas State          | 7  | 45   | .367 | .962      | Sr.   |
| First Base—Curt Brown, Missouri           | 4  | 28   | .380 | .981      | Sr.   |
| Second Base—Steve Jerman, Colorado        | 4  | 46   | .321 | .957      | Jr.   |
| Third Base—Skip Bailey, Colorado          | 2  | 33   | .357 | .894      | Sr.   |
| Shortstop—Greg Cypret, Missouri           | 6  | 42   | .394 | .940      | Sr.   |
| Outfield—Greg Korbe, Kansas State         | 5  | 32   | .348 | .987      | Sr.   |
| Outfield—Terry Bogener, Oklahoma          | 3  | 43   | .339 | .955      | Sr.   |
| Outfield—Bill Ireland, Oklahoma State     | 4  | 36   | .354 | .930      | So.   |
| Designated Hitter—John Spottswood, Kansas | 1  | 12   | .336 | .972      | Jr.   |
|                                           | SO | ERA  | W-L  |           |       |
| Pitcher—Mark Nipp, Oklahoma               | 71 | 1.60 | 4-3  |           | Jr.   |
| Pitcher—Rick Kranitz, Oklahoma State      | 70 | 3.17 | 9-1  |           | So.   |
| Pitcher—Rob Pietroburgo, Missouri         | 67 | 2.89 | 8-2  |           | Sr.   |

| Second Team                                  | HR | RBI   | Avg. | Flg. Pct. |     |
|----------------------------------------------|----|-------|------|-----------|-----|
| Catcher (tie)—Tim Laudner, Missouri          | 4  | 37    | .282 | .977      | So. |
| Andy Gilmore, Kansas                         | 8  | 32    | .321 | .961      | Sr. |
| First Base—Duane Evans, Oklahoma State       | 6  | 51    | .307 | 1.000     | So. |
| Second Base—David Luethy, Oklahoma           | 0  | 11    | .269 | .939      | Sr. |
| Third Base (tie)—Lee Ice, Kansas             | 2  | 36    | .333 | .877      | Sr. |
| David Harrigan, Oklahoma                     | 8  | 41    | .303 | .815      | So. |
| Shortstop (tie)—Greg Pastors, Oklahoma State | 8  | 42    | .302 | .928      | Jr. |
| Art Toal, Oklahoma                           | 3  | 28    | .343 | .857      | Jr. |
| Outfield—Joe Scherger, Nebraska              | 9  | 52    | .311 | .930      | So. |
| Outfield—Stu Winter, Colorado                | 6  | 45    | .315 | .929      | Jr. |
| Outfield—Dan Dixon, Nebraska                 | 7  | 35    | .288 | .939      | Jr. |
| Designated Hitter—Biff Gordon, Colorado      | 1  | 21    | .325 | 1.000     | So. |
|                                              | SO | ERA   | W-L  |           |     |
| Pitcher—Terry Sutcliffe, Kansas              | 63 | 1.77  | 10-0 |           | So. |
| Pitcher—Scott Gardner, Oklahoma              | 56 | 2.189 | 8-2  |           | So. |
| Pitcher—Dan St. Clair, Kansas                | 63 | 2.58  | 6-2  |           | Jr. |

**HONORABLE MENTION** — Tommy Thompson, Oklahoma; James Vaiana, Oklahoma; Ron Weaver, Oklahoma; **Pete O'Brien, Nebraska**; Al Benson, Iowa State; Steve Jeltz, Kansas; Jim English, Missouri; Mike Lally, Missouri; Vic Harris, Kansas; Al Hightower, Missouri; Jeff Trunninger, Iowa State; Neal Hudson, Kansas State; Tom Heckman, Missouri; **Gary Nolting, Nebraska**; Rick Hereth, Missouri; Rob Robison, Oklahoma; **Tim Carroll, Nebraska**.

## NEBRASKA'S CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

| Coach                     | Overall |   | Conference |    | Notes |                                     |
|---------------------------|---------|---|------------|----|-------|-------------------------------------|
|                           | W       | L | T          | W  |       | L                                   |
| 1929—John 'Choppy' Rhodes | 12      | 5 | 1          | 10 | 5     | (Big Six Champs)                    |
| 1948—Tony Sharpe          | 17      | 6 |            | 14 | 3     | (Big Seven Champs)<br>NCAA Playoffs |
| 1950—Tony Sharpe          | 16      | 8 |            | 14 | 3     | (Big Seven Champs)<br>NCAA Playoffs |



### *A Tribute to William D. 'Tony' Sharpe*

After serving as the Nebraska baseball coach for 31 years, Tony Sharpe retired following the 1977 season.

In his 31 years as a Cornhusker, Sharpe compiled a mark of 399-388. In the Big 8 during his tenure, Nebraska won the conference crown twice, was runnerup six times and finished above the .500 mark on 16 occasions.

Baseball wasn't the only sport in Sharpe's life, as he was the Cornhuskers assistant basketball coach in the 1940's under Harry Good and in the '50's under Jerry Busch.

Sharpe is still with the Husker Athletic Department, as the coordinator of the Nebraska Beef Club, a Cornhusker fund raising organization.

For his lifetime effort as a Husker coach and fund raiser, the Omaha Sports-casters Association in 1978 presented Sharpe with its Merit Award for his years of service at NU.

Nebraskans everywhere say "Thank You" to William D. 'Tony' Sharpe.

## HUSKER DIAMOND TO 'BUCK' BELTZER FIELD

Located north of Memorial Stadium, for years the NU baseball complex was known as Husker Diamond.

In 1978, the first year for NU head coach John Sanders, an AstroTurf infield, the only one in the Big 8, and covered dugouts were added to Husker Diamond. The improvements were made possible by a \$50,000 donation from the Californians For Nebraska. Total cost of the improvements were \$145,000.

This year, Husker Diamond was named 'Buck' Beltzer Field, when a generous donation from the Beltzer family, Jim of Grand Island and Mrs. Bob Florrie of Fremont, expanded the complex by adding permanent stands, a covered pressbox and rest rooms.

Future plans for 'Buck' Beltzer Field are a club house and lockerrooms, for both the Huskers and the visiting team, located under the infield AstroTurf.

The dimensions of the playing area are 325' down the right and left field lines, 400' through the power alleys and 375' to deep center field.



### 1979 NEBRASKA BAT GIRLS

Front row, left to right: Nanette Wilbern from Omaha, Lorrie Vojtech from Omaha, Ruth Govier from Broken Bow, Genon Rost from Holdrege, Kelly Jensen from Blair and Lora Lee Moir from Bloomington, Indiana. Back row, left to right: Jenny Putjenter from Omaha, Sue Eschliman from Spalding, Jody Niemann from Omaha, Pat Lundvall from Oakland, Peggy Kopf from Minden and Sarah Kopf from Minden.



**University of Nebraska  
Administration**

# University of Nebraska



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Not pictured: Student Regents John L. Kirk and Richard Kennedy.

## BOARD OF REGENTS

## NEBRASKA'S PRESIDENT

### **Ronald W. Roskens, Ph.D.**



Dr. Roskens was named President of the University of Nebraska in April of 1977. Prior to that he served as Chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, a position he assumed on July 1, 1972.

Reared on a farm near Spencer, Iowa, he earned B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Northern Iowa and the Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws from Creighton University in May of 1978.

Dr. Roskens has received numerous awards, including the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the University of Northern Iowa, the Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the National 4-H Alumnus Award. He is listed in the National Register of Educational Researchers, Who's Who in America and American Men and Women of Science.

## DR. ROY A. YOUNG



Dr. Roy A. Young took up his duties June 1, 1976, as chief executive officer of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, which has extension and research facilities throughout the state as well as its two main campuses in Lincoln. He came to Nebraska from Corvallis, Ore., where he was Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies at Oregon State University.

A native of McAlister, New Mexico, Dr. Young served in his post at Oregon State since 1970. He has gained an international reputation as a scientist since joining Oregon State in 1948 as an assistant professor in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology. He later moved through the academic ranks to professor and became head of the Department in 1958. He was named dean of research in 1966. During the fiscal year 1969-70 he served as acting president of Oregon State.

Dr. Young received the B.S. degree at New Mexico State University and holds M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in plant pathology from Iowa State University. The author of more than 60 publications, he is a Fellow of the American Association of the Advancement of Science and the American Phytopathological Society. He also is a member of the American Institute for Biological Sciences, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Sigma, Blue Key, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. In 1978 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by New Mexico State University.

Dr. Young currently serves as Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Environment of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. He also serves on the Department of State's U. S. National Committee for Man and the Biosphere, the Department of Commerce's Sea Grant Review Panel, and the National Science Foundation's Advisory Committee on Applied Science and Research Applications Policy.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Power and Light Company, Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, and the First National Bank and Trust Company of Lincoln.

He is past president of the Pacific Division, American Association for the Advancement of Science, former chairman of the Council for Research Policy and Administration of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, and former member of the Commission on Undergraduate Education in Biological Sciences.

Dr. Young and his wife Marilyn have two children, Janet, and Randall.

## Big 8 Faculty Representative

### DR. KEITH L. BROMAN

Dr. Keith L. Broman is in his seventh year as the Big 8 Faculty Representative for the University of Nebraska. Dr. Broman served as Chairman of the Faculty Representatives in 1972-1973. He serves as secretary of the Faculty Representatives Group in the College Football Association.



After graduating from South Bend, Indiana, Central in June of 1940, Dr. Broman attended Indiana University for three years, then transferred to Berea (Kentucky) College. After receiving Navy V-12 training at Berea in 1944, he entered the Harvard Graduate School of Business while serving as Assistant Supply Officer, NAS Coco Solo, from 1945 to 1946.

He returned to Harvard following a tour of duty with the Navy during the war and received the MBA from Harvard in 1947. From 1947 to 1951, he was an instructor at Ohio University, then he came to Lincoln where he served on the Nebraska faculty until 1954. The next year was spent as an assistant professor at the University

of Wisconsin.

He received the Ph.D. from Nebraska in 1955 and returned to the NU faculty as an Associate Professor of Business Organization until he advanced to the status of full professor in 1963. In 1968, he was named Chairman of the Department of Finance at NU, retiring from this position in 1979.

Dr. Broman is a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he serves as a member of the Foundation Board. In the past, he has been an Elder (Clerk of Session), Deacon and member of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Broman is also a member of the American Finance Association, American Accounting Association, Midwest Business Administration, Beta Gamma Sigma and Delta Sigma Pi. He is a retired Commander of the Supply Corps, U.S. Naval Reserves, and serves as a consultant for Investment Education & Practice.

Dr. Broman and his wife, Ruth, formerly Ruth Jane DuBois, have been married since 1944. They have two daughters, Rebecca Ann Cross, Lincoln, and Lisa Marie, who is a senior in journalism at Nebraska. He is a grandfather.

# FACTS ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

## A Brief History—

The University of Nebraska, now an institution of three major components—the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha—and a collection of agricultural experiment stations and related offices across the state, was chartered by the Nebraska Legislature in 1869 and held its first classes in 1871 in a 3-story brick building on the outskirts of Lincoln.

At its chartering, the University was committed to instruct in agriculture, the "mechanic arts," and military tactics by the terms of the Land-Grant College Act of 1862 to which the Legislature subscribed. These special endeavors, however, were made parts of the total University program with the result that Nebraska, unlike some of its neighbors, has had but one major institution of higher education.

The early years were fraught with internal ideological conflicts, with financial problems and with shortages of collegiate students. The University not only survived without interruption, it managed to establish the first program of graduate education west of the Mississippi in the mid-1880s. By 1909 it had attained membership in the select Association of American Universities, a tribute to the high quality of its faculty and scholastic programs.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln now has nine Colleges, plus four Schools and many other programs. Thirty-nine doctoral level, 61 masters, 110 undergraduate and 15 pre-professional areas of study are offered.

Lack of financial support forced the University in 1888 to close the Medical College it had opened in Lincoln five years earlier. In 1902, the University reentered the field of medical education, taking over the Omaha Medical College. This became the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Since the adoption of the Nebraska constitution in 1875, the University has been governed by an elected Board of Regents. In 1968, pursuant to legislative action and a city-wide election in Omaha, the Board of Regents was made responsible for governance of the former municipal University of Omaha, renamed the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In 1970, the number of regents was increased from six to eight. This number was increased again in 1974, when a representative of the student body from each of the three campuses became a non-voting member.

In 1971, the chief executive officer of the University was given the title of President. The executive heads of the three components, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, were accorded the titles of chancellor and Vice President.

## Points of Interest on Campus—

**Museum**—The University of Nebraska State Museum has an outstanding collection of fossil mammals and is world renowned for its Elephant Hall. There are galleries of health science, Nebraska wildlife, zoology, geology and anthropology. In addition to its exhibits on three floors of Morrill Hall at 14th and U, the museum has extensive research collections in Nebraska Hall.

**Art**—The Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery has one of the finest collections on a university campus. Its sculpture garden is also one of the finest in the nation.

**Music**—School of Music students and faculty perform regularly in Kimball Recital Hall and throughout the state. There is an active schedule of concerts by

University choral and instrumental groups, musical theatre productions and a wide range of musical and dance events by visiting artists.

**Theatre**—During the school year there are periodic performances by the University company in Howell Memorial Theatre. A repertory group performs throughout the summer months.

**Nebraska Union**—This social center of the campus provides a variety of food service facilities and relaxation areas for students and visitors to the campus. It houses the placement center and offices for student organizations. Facilities include book store, bowling alley, pool hall, game rooms, TV rooms, record rooms, study rooms, meeting rooms and ballrooms for large meetings and social events. A new Union has been built on East Campus.

**Carillon Tower**—Built in 1948, the gift of alumnus Ralph S. Mueller, the tower has become a symbol of the NU Lincoln campus. It houses a 2½ octave electronic English bells carillon, played on ceremonial occasions from a keyboard.

**Historical Museum**—The State Historical Society has its museum and library on the campus. It features Nebraska lore dating from early Indian relics.

**Center for Continuing Education**—Conference and hotel facilities at 33rd and Holdrege provide a site for hundreds of adult and youth meetings each year. Continuing education programs are planned by a professional staff. The Center was financed through a grant from the Kellogg Foundation and by public subscription.

**Planetarium**—Public sky shows are presented daily during the summer and on weekends during the school year. Special shows are also given to University classes and visiting school groups.

## THE COLLEGES

| Name and date established as an independent school. | Enrollment (Fall 1977) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Agriculture (1872)                                  | 1,800                  |
| Architecture (1973)                                 | 484                    |
| Arts & Sciences (1871)                              | 4,783                  |
| Business Administration (1919)                      | 2,602                  |
| Dentistry (1919)                                    | 304                    |
| Engineering & Technology (1909)                     | 1,698                  |
| Home Economics (1970)                               | 1,105                  |
| Law (1891)                                          | 452                    |
| Teachers (1908)                                     | 2,764                  |
| Graduate Studies                                    | 3,474                  |
| Continuing Studies                                  | 989                    |
| Undeclared                                          | 1,530                  |
| Visiting Students                                   | 272                    |
| Total                                               | 22,256                 |

## FACULTY

Full-time Equivalent (Budgeted) 1,244

### ENROLLMENT DATA (1977)

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Undergraduate          | 17,037 |
| Professional           | 756    |
| Graduate               | 3,474  |
| Continuing Studies     | 989    |
| Nebraska Residents     | 19,643 |
| Out-of-State Residents | 1,986  |
| Foreign Students       | 627    |
| Men                    | 12,779 |
| Women                  | 9,477  |

### DEGREES GRANTED (1976-77)

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Undergraduate | 2,599 |
| Professional  | 170   |
| Graduate      | 919   |
| Total         | 3,688 |

**DEGREES GRANTED  
SINCE FOUNDING  
117,883**

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## TUITION AND FEES—1978-79 (Average Load—Per Semester)

|                          | Resident  | Non-Resident |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Undergraduate (15 hours) | \$ 404.00 | \$ 981.50    |
| Graduate (9 hours)       | 269.00    | 615.50       |
| Law                      | 413.50    | 1,019.50     |
| Dentistry                | 1,299.00* | 2,049.00*    |

\*Includes books and instruments.

### Financial Aid

In 1976-77 student financial aid totalled \$3 million from scholarships and grants (\$450,000 from University funds), \$4.4 million in loans (National Defense and Federally Insured loans) and \$3.6 million from student employment (work-study and University part-time work). Information on aid can be obtained from the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, 113 Administration Building.

### Housing

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents adopted policy requires all unmarried freshmen who do not reach the age of 20 by October 1 of the current academic year and who do not commute from their permanent homes, to reside in on-campus housing facilities. These facilities include residence halls, cooperative houses, fraternity houses and sorority houses. Sophomores must adhere to the same requirement unless they file written parental permission to live off-campus in advance with the Office of University Housing.

### Continuing Studies

The Division of Continuing Studies provides students of all ages a wide variety of non-traditional educational opportunities. It operates the largest university based independent study by correspondence program in the U.S., offering college and high school courses, and a Class A high school diploma can be earned. On-campus evening class and out-state field credit class programs are conducted through the Division, as well as the State University of Nebraska (SUN) program which utilizes television and other media to bring learning opportunities into the home. The Division conducts hundreds of non-credit conferences and institutes annually at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education in Lincoln and at out-state locations. Learning Centers at Lincoln, Kearney, Scottsbluff and Omaha are operated by the Division to develop and administer learning opportunities in those geographic areas. The Division's Instructional Media Center meets the instructional media needs on campus and maintains more than 6,000 educational films, filmstrips and tape recordings which are available on a rental basis to schools, organizations and agencies.

### Research

Research is conducted at the University in agriculture, education, business, engineering, law, health sciences, home economics, biological, physical and social sciences and humanities. Total support of \$9.7 million includes funds from a variety of federal, state and private sources.

### Athletics

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics fields men's teams in basketball, football, track (cross-country, indoor and outdoor), swimming, wrestling, golf,

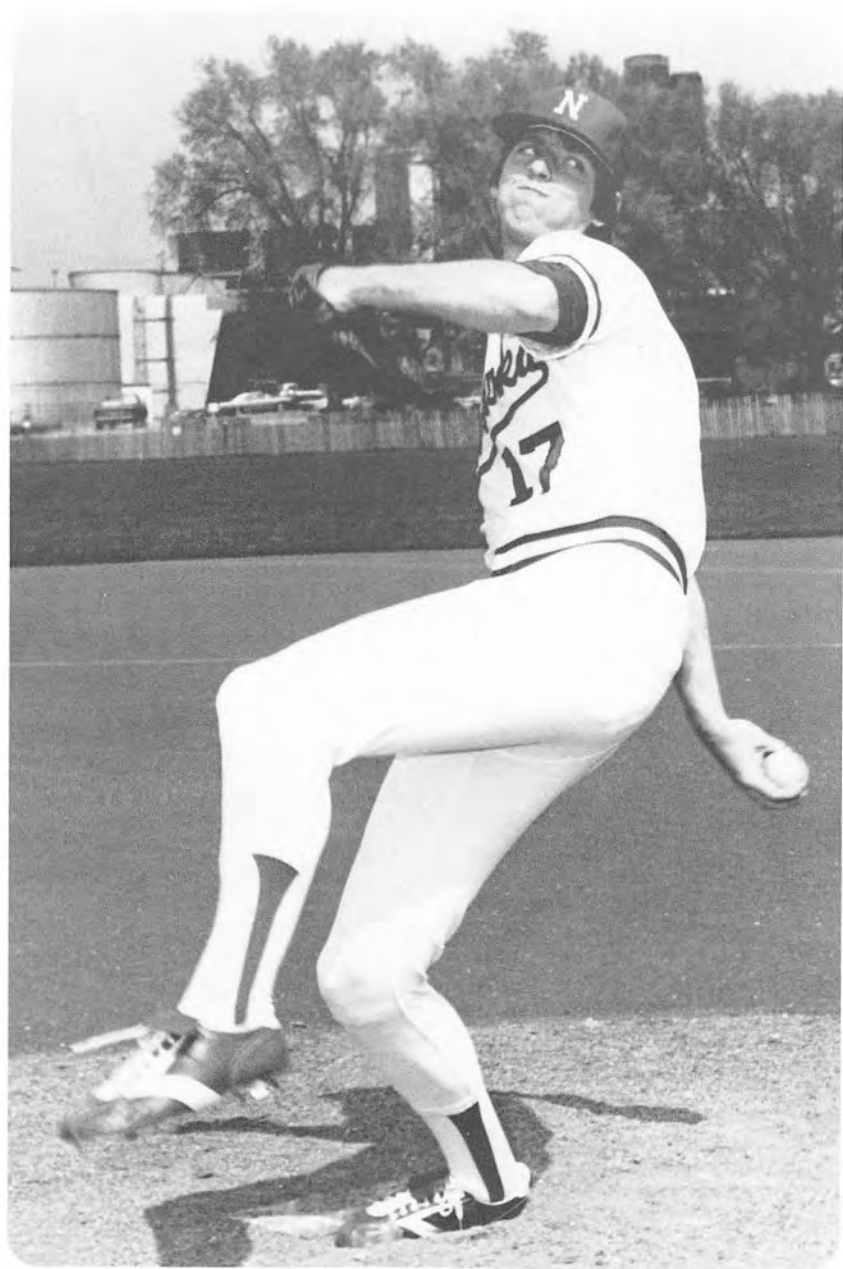
baseball, tennis and gymnastics, and women's teams in volleyball, basketball, gymnastics, swimming, softball, golf, track (cross country, indoor and outdoor), and tennis. The NU Sports Complex opened in 1976-77 seats 15,000 for basketball, 3,500 in the natatorium and 5,000 for indoor track. Memorial Stadium seats 73,531 for football. Ed Weir Stadium seats 5,500 for outdoor track. Nebraska's new baseball stadium, Buck Beltzer Field, is under construction.

### **University of Nebraska Foundation**

The University of Nebraska Foundation is a legally incorporated non-profit organization chartered under Nebraska law. Through its solicitation and investment programs, it provides between \$2 and \$3 million in benefits annually for the University. Among the benefits are: \$770,000 in scholarships and fellowships; \$420,000 in research equipment and support; \$145,000 in support of professorships, and \$100,000 in support of art, museum and library acquisitions. The Foundation has available \$600,000 annually in low-interest student loans. Approximately 18,000 gifts are received by the Foundation each year. Its assets are nearly \$28 million.

### **Nebraska Alumni Association**

The Nebraska Alumni Association is an independent association of former students and graduates of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. It publishes the bimonthly Nebraska Alumnus magazine, the Alumni Sports Reporter and maintains biographical records on all graduates and former students. In addition, the Alumni Association sponsors a world-wide network of alumni clubs, alumni tours, and class reunions. The Association consists of 103,000 alumni living throughout the world and has a paid membership of 14,000.





**Nebraska Athletic Administration**

# BOB DEVANEY

**Athletic Director  
University of Nebraska**



One of the greatest coaches in the history of American football, Bob Devaney is now turning his vast energies toward supervision of the entire athletic program at the University of Nebraska. Devaney heads both the men's and women's athletic programs.

Nebraska has one of the finest athletic plants in the nation, thanks to Devaney's inspiration and leadership during the past 16 years.

Since Devaney became Athletic Director in 1967, Nebraska's Memorial Stadium has an enlarged (9,400) capacity of 73,531—largest in the Big 8—as well as an AstroTurf field, huge press box and electronic scoreboard.

Since 1967, the Cornhuskers have a multi-purpose office building at the south end of Memorial Stadium, and they have an outdoor track facility—Ed Weir Stadium—and a baseball park with new AstroTurf, named Buck Beltzer Field during the fall of 1978.

Devaney also spear-headed a drive for the new multi-purpose complex that resulted in the Nebraska Legislature voting a cigarette tax to finance a 15,000-seat basketball arena, with adjacent swimming complex and indoor track plant. The result of his efforts was the Nebraska Sports Complex, which opened its doors in the fall of 1976. Besides the basketball arena, the NU Sports Complex, located on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds, houses a 220-yard synthetic track with seating for 4,500, a 25 meter x 25 yard swimming pool, and a practice area for the wrestling and gymnastics teams.

Few coaches ever achieved the success Devaney did as headmaster of the Nebraska Cornhuskers from 1962 to 1972. During most of that span he was the "winningest coach in the nation," based on percentage of victories. He wound up with three straight Orange Bowl wins to go with his amazing record of nine bowl trips in 11 years, eight Big 8 titles, two national championships, two Outland Trophy winners, a Lombardi Trophy winner, a Heisman Trophy winner and numerous Coach of the Year and similar honors. Twice his teams won four straight titles—1963-1966 and 1969-1972.

In his final season, Devaney's 1972 Huskers went 9-2-1 with a 40-6 win over Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, and Bob led the nation's active coaches with a lifetime record of 136-30-7 for an .806 winning percentage. That year, too, Johnny

Rodgers won the Heisman Trophy and Rich Glover swept the Outland and Lombardi Trophies, a feat never equalled by any other school.

Devaney was named Coach of the Year by the Walter Camp Foundation, the Washington Touchdown Club and the Football Writers Association after Nebraska's Cornhuskers were undefeated in 13 games in 1971, sweeping to the national championship after winning the Game of the Century against Oklahoma, 35-31.

It was the second-straight national championship for Nebraska. The 1970 team was also undefeated (11-0-1), and during the span of 1969 to 1972, the Huskers went 32 games without a defeat. After Nebraska defeated LSU in the 1971 Orange Bowl game to win its first national title, former President Richard Nixon came to Lincoln to bestow a presidential plaque upon Devaney and co-captains Dan Schneiss and Jerry Murtaugh.

The Devaney Huskers reaped countless honors during those two years—AP and UPI trophies, the Grantland Rice Trophy, the MacArthur Bowl, Big 8 and Orange Bowl trophies and Coach of the Year by the Football News.

All Star games were old hat for Devaney who coached in many post-season classics such as the Hula Bowl, the Coaches All America, the All America Bowl, the Blue-Gray and the Shrine East-West. He also coached the College All Stars against the NFL Champion Dallas Cowboys in the 1972 Chicago game.

At Nebraska, Devaney's teams won 101, lost 20 and tied two in 11 years, following his 35-10-5 record at Wyoming. He never had a losing season at Nebraska and he directed three undefeated teams—in 1965, 1970 and 1971. In 11 years Devaney's teams went to nine post-season games, winning six and losing three. The Huskers played in the Gotham Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Sun Bowl and four times in the Orange Bowl with Devaney at the helm.

Under Devaney's outstanding leadership, too, the Cornhuskers produced 22 All America players and 72 All Big 8 selections in the past ten years.

Devaney played football as an end at Alma College in Michigan, graduating with a B.S. in 1939.

After starting his coaching career at Big Beaver, Mich., High, Devaney moved to Keego Harbor and Saginaw before spending seven years at Alpena High where his teams had a 52-9-0 record. He then joined Biggie Munn, and later Duffy Daugherty, at Michigan State before becoming head coach at Wyoming in 1957.

Devaney is married to his college sweetheart, the former Phyllis Wiley. His son, Mike, and daughter Patricia, are both graduates of the University of Nebraska. He's a grandfather, too, with Mike's family including a daughter and a son.

### NEBRASKA ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

1928-1931—H. D. Gish  
1932-1936—D. N. Bible  
1937-1942—L. McC Jones  
1942-1947—A. J. Lewandowski  
1948-1953—George (Potsy) Clark

1954-1960—J. W. Orwig  
1961 —Charles Miller and  
Joseph Sosnick  
1962-1966—Tippy Dye  
1967 —Bob Devaney

## DON BRYANT, Assistant Athletic Director and Sports Information Director

Don Bryant is starting his 16th year as Nebraska's Sports Information Director. He also is Assistant Athletic Director and has general administrative responsibilities in addition to those relating to the Sports Information Office.

Tabbed "The Fat Fox," many years ago, Bryant joined the University of Nebraska Athletic Department staff in the spring of 1963, succeeding the late John Bentley who retired.

In addition to supervising publicity, programs, press facilities, records, publications, press and public relations for the Athletic Department, Bryant also coordinates such activities as advertising, special events, halftime activities and athletic awards.

Bryant currently is president of the College Sports Information Directors of America, and in June of 1975 was inducted into the CoSIDA Hall of Fame. He is a charter member and served two terms as President of the Nebraska Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association.

He currently is a director of the U.S. Basketball Writers Association and also serves on the NCAA Public Relations Committee. He is also a board member of the Football Writers Association of America and presently serves as secretary of the Nebraska Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. He is also on the N.F.F.H.F. National Council.



A native of Lincoln and a graduate of the University of Nebraska, Bryant twice served in the U.S. Marine Corps before becoming sports editor of the Lincoln Star in 1954. He was named Nebraska's "Sportswriter of the Year" in 1961 and 1962 by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Assn. Many Nebraska publications edited by Bryant have received regional and national honors.

The Cornhusker publicist was chairman of the Nebraska Centennial Commission's All Sports Committee for the 1967 celebration. He has served as a Scoutmaster and as adult advisor to the Golden Sun Lodge of the Order of the Arrow for the Cornhusker Council and currently serves on the Council Executive Committee. He is a member of the Nebraska Governor's Council for Physical Fitness and was on the Advisory Council of the Nebraska Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

Bryant is married to the former Joan Peden and is the father of two married sons, Bill and Jeff.

**Bryant's Office: Phone: 402-472-2263(4) (Home: 423-6563)**

## **BILL BENNETT, Assistant Sports Information Director**

Bill Bennett, beginning his fifth year, has been the assistant SID at Nebraska since June of 1974. Before that, from January to June of '74, he was a part-time student assistant to Sports Information Director Don Bryant.



Bennett assists in the production of the Husker football, gymnastics, baseball and track guides, along with the compiling and editing of the Nebraska basketball guide. He also assists Bryant in coordinating press and public relations and in helping publicize all Nebraska teams.

He is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America, Football Writers Association of America, United States Basketball Writers Association, Track and Field Writers of America and the Nebraska Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Gymnastics Booster Club.

A graduate of Lincoln Southeast High School in 1970, Bennett received his Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Nebraska in May of 1974.

He is married to the former Gwen Trautman.

**Office Phone: 402-472-2263(4) (Home: 423-1415)**

## **BILL FISHER, Business Manager and Concessions Director**

Bill Fisher joined the University of Nebraska Athletic Department in 1961, following the sudden death of longtime coach and business manager A. J. Lewandowski. He is in his 18th year at NU.



He assumed the duties of concessions director in 1967, succeeding H. H. (Ike) Hanscom, who retired.

A graduate of the University of Illinois with graduate work at the Harvard Business School, Fisher handles all athletic department fiscal matters, and is in charge of all team travel and accommodations for the Cornhusker football team when it is on the road.

Fisher and his wife, Betty, have three daughters—Sharon Lebsack, Mary Helen Revelle, Malissa, and a son, Richard. Sharon and Mary are married to former Cornhusker football players Dave Lebsack and Bob Revelle.

**Fisher's Office: Phone: 402-472-2273 (Home: 466-0030).**



## **HELEN RUTH WAGNER, Ticket Manager**

Helen Ruth Wagner begins her second year as Nebraska's Ticket Manager, after serving more than a year-and-a-half (1976-77) as the acting Ticket Manager, following Jim Pittenger's January 1976 stroke. 'Pitt' had been the Husker ticket head and assistant athletic director since 1962.

Mrs. Wagner started working in the Nebraska Ticket Office in 1963, when she served as Pittenger's office superintendent.

One of her many duties as the Husker Ticket Manager is to coordinate ticket sales for all Husker home and away sporting events.

She is an alumnus of the University of Nebraska and the Lincoln School of Commerce.

She and her husband, Glenn, who is the Sales Manager at the Port Huron Machine and Supply Co. in Lincoln, have three daughter's, Susan Tinstman, Cindy Lauterbach, and Sally Wagner. Mrs. Wagner is a grandmother.

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## **JIM ROSS, Assistant Athletic Director and NU Sports Complex Director**

Jim Ross, Assistant Athletic Director and former standout freshman and varsity football coach for the Huskers, is in his third year as the Director of the Nebraska Sports Complex.



Ross, starting his 12th year as Assistant AD, served as the Cornhuskers' head Frosh coach from 1969 to 1975. During his freshman tenure, Ross' 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974 and 1975 teams were undefeated, while he finished with a career mark of 27-2. From 1962 to 1968, he was Nebraska's outstanding defensive backfield coach (NU led the nation in the 1960s).

Entering his 17th year at Nebraska, Ross came to Lincoln in 1962, leaving the University of Wyoming with Bob Devaney and his staff. Ross had served under Devaney for five years at Wyoming and before that at Alpena (Mich.) High School. Prior to teaming with Devaney, Ross was the head football coach at Newaygo (Mich.) High School and Standish (Mich.) High School.

Before entering coaching, Ross played for three years as a center and end at Eastern Michigan College, where he graduated in 1939. After college, he fought with the U.S. Army's 33rd Infantry Division during WWII and won the Bronze Star for gallantry in the Philippines.

A 1950 Masters recipient from Wayne University, Ross is married to the former Maurine Martinson and is the father of three daughters, Sharon, Margaret and Kathleen. He is a grandfather.

## NEBRASKA MEDICAL STAFF



**George Sullivan**  
Head Trainer and  
Physical Therapist



**Jerry Weber**  
Asst. Trainer and  
Physical Therapist



**Roland E. 'Duke' LaRue**  
Asst. Trainer and  
Physical Therapist

Dr. Samuel I. Fuenning, director of Athletic Medicine, heads a veteran medical team which includes team physicians Dr. Pat Clare, Dr. Chuck Newman, and consultant Dr. Paul Goetowski, head trainer and physical therapist George Sullivan, assistant trainer and physical therapist Jerry Weber, assistant trainer and physical therapist Roland E. 'Duke' LaRue.

Sullivan became Nebraska's head trainer in Jan. of 1977, succeeding the Huskers long time head trainer, Paul Schneider, who became an administrative assistant to Jim Ross at the NU Sports Complex. Before becoming head trainer, Sullivan was the football team and NU Health Center's physical therapist since 1953.

Among his many honors are: for the last 18 years he's been the chairman of honors and awards for the Citizens Savings Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame; has received his 25-year service award from the National Athletic Trainers Association and in May of 1978, Sullivan was inducted into the Citizens Savings Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame.

Sullivan's assistant is Jerry Weber, in his second year, who earned his MS from Western Illinois in 1977. From Sidney, Weber is no stranger to Nebraska athletics, as he was a student trainer at NU from 1969-74. Following his graduation from Nebraska with a BS in 1974, he earned a Physical Therapy Degree from the NU College of Medicine in Omaha in 1976.

In his first year as assistant trainer and physical therapist is Roland E. 'Duke' LaRue, who succeeded Dennis Sealey, now at the University of Washington. For the last 13 years, LaRue has been the head athletic trainer-chief physical therapist for the men's intercollegiate department at Western Illinois. He earned his BA from Buena Vista College in 1950, his MA from Wyoming in 1957 and his physical therapy certificate degree in 1964 from Iowa.

Assisting Head Trainer and Physical Therapist George Sullivan, along with trainers Jerry Weber and Duke LaRue, is senior Jeff Crist from Arcadia.



**Dr. Samuel I. Fuenning**  
Director of  
Athletic Medicine



**Dr. Pat Clare**  
Team Physician



**Dr. Chuck Newman**  
Team Physician

## DIANE STARK IS BASEBALL SECRETARY



Diane Stark is in her eighth season as the NU baseball secretary. She also works with the Husker track program.

According to NU head coach John Sanders, "Diane is a real benefit to our program. She's just like another coach."

Diane and her husband, Lorvey, have two children, Todd and Travis.

## WALT JOHNSON IS HUSKER EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Walt Johnson will be entering his third year as the equipment manager for the Nebraska baseball team.

Johnson is in charge of the equipment room in the North Memorial Stadium Fieldhouse, which is also the home of the Husker freshman football team.

In the fall, Johnson assists Glen Abbott, the Huskers' equipment director, with the NU varsity football team.



## CRIST, HEINZ ASSIST NU BASEBALL PROGRAM

Jeff Crist and Mark Heinz are very valuable to the Nebraska baseball program, as Crist is the student trainer and Heinz the student manager.



Jeff  
Crist

Crist, a senior from Arcadia, Neb., is a Pre-physical therapy major at the University. He has been on the NU athletic training staff for three years and plans to enter into that field after college.

Heinz is in his first year as the student manager. A senior from Beatrice, Neb., Heinz for the last three years at NU was also on the Nebraska athletic training staff as a student assistant.



Mark  
Heinz



Nebraska coach John Sanders and the Husker seniors. They are, left to right, catcher Val Primante, designated hitter Bob Gebler, pitcher Tim Pettit and second baseman John Russo.



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